



WHAT TO DO AFTER A BURGLARY

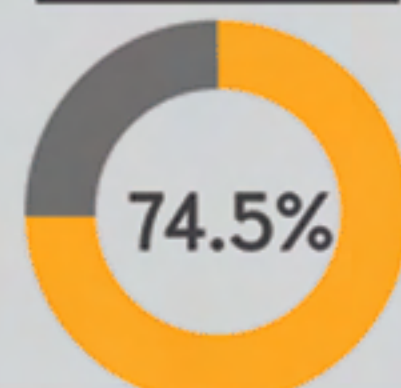
A burglary at your home or business is a stressful and sometimes traumatic experience. Knowing just what to do after discovering the burglary can help you move forward and get back to business as usual.

Whether the burglary occurs at home or at your business, THE FIRST STEPS ARE THE SAME:

- 1 KEEP A CLEAR HEAD.**
A break-in is a potentially dangerous situation. Remember to keep calm until you know it is safe.
- 2 LEAVE THE PREMISES IMMEDIATELY.**
- 3 FIND SAFETY AND CALL 911.**
- 4 DO NOT RE-ENTER THE BUILDING.**
The building is now a crime scene, and its integrity should be protected.
- 5 ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION.**
Fill out a detailed property report, identifying damage and what property has been stolen.
- 6 CALL YOUR INSURANCE AGENT.**
They will help you find out how much of the damage is covered by your insurance.

The only thing worse than discovering a burglary is discovering a burglary in progress - let the police find out whether the burglar is still inside.
A neighboring house, business or locked car is an ideal place to wait.

IF YOUR HOME IS BURGLARIZED,

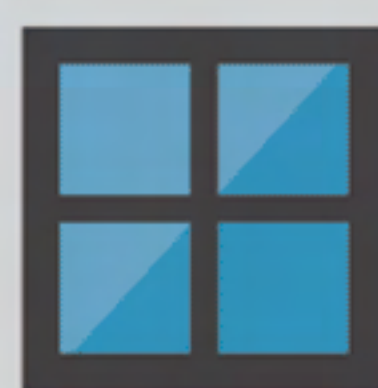


In 2012, residential properties accounted for 74.5% of all burglaries.

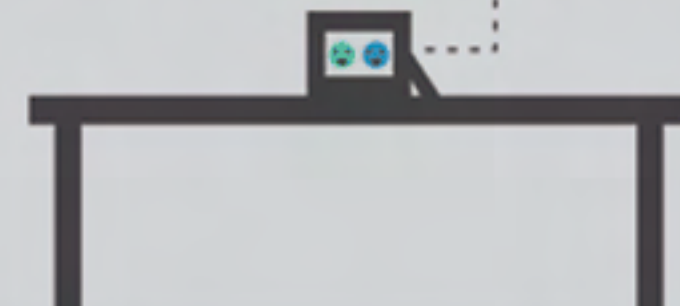
Try to recall any suspicious activity or new visitors to your home. For example, when you leave your home, who knows you've left?



If pets greet you at the door, take them with you to avoid further disturbance to the scene. If you don't see them, don't search until police clear the scene.



Many home burglaries are random, but you may know the person responsible.



Check local pawnshops for your stolen goods. While the police will check initially, it is up to you to follow up.

PREVENT ANOTHER BURGLARY



Nearly 40% of all burglaries are daytime home burglaries.

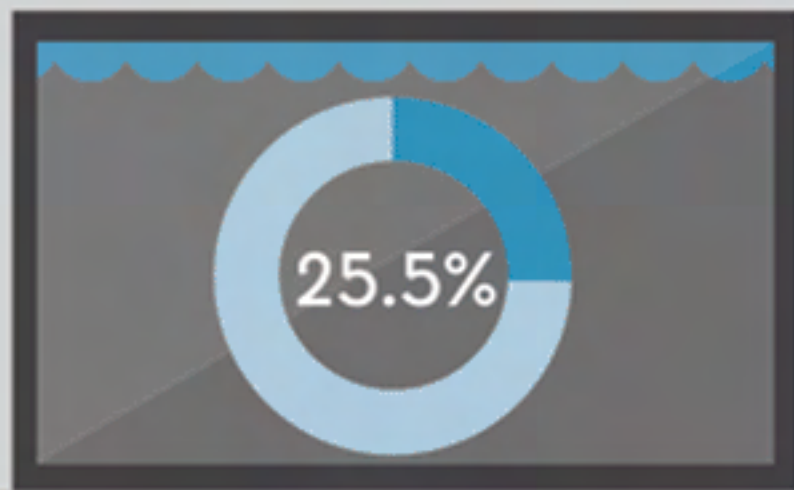


33.9% of burglaries in 2012 were completed without forcible entry!

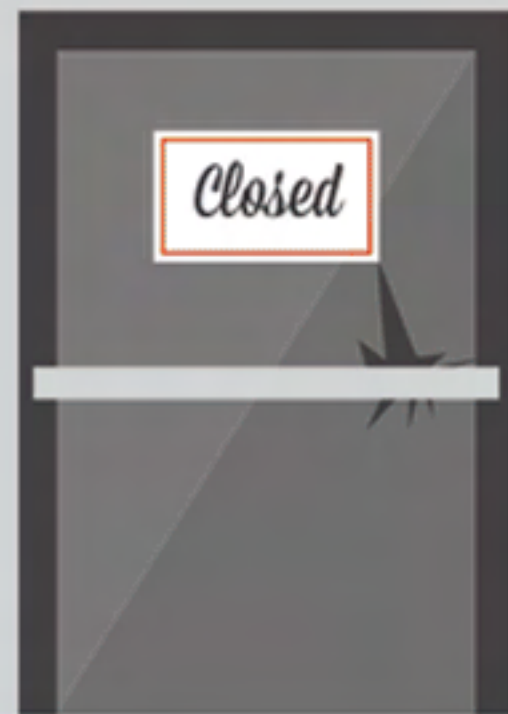
Before you leave, ensure:

- All doors and windows are locked securely.
- Your alarm system is armed.

IF YOUR BUSINESS IS BURGLARIZED,



In 2012, non-residences such as stores and offices accounted for 25.5% of all burglaries.



If you have security cameras, give the police your security tapes to search for images of the burglars.



Ask employees and neighboring businesses for any info they might have.

If not, see if neighboring businesses have cameras that may have recorded the burglary.

PREVENT ANOTHER BURGLARY

- At all entry points, install outside lights that stay on overnight, and leave on interior lighting at night so that movement inside is visible.
- Leave the cash register empty and open after hours.
- Bolt down the safe so that it cannot be carried away.
- Change combinations every few months or every time an employee leaves.
- Secure valuable inventory after hours.
- Keep a record of serial numbers for all valuables in a secure location away from the business.

BURGLARIES IN THE U.S. IN 2012

2,103,787
Burglaries in the US in 2012



4.7 Billion dollars of lost property



\$2,230

Average value of lost property

446,763

Burglaries in the southeastern U.S. in 2012

A burglary can shake your confidence and security. However, a proactive approach to the aftermath can lead to closure and, hopefully, the apprehension of the burglar.

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