

Burglary statistics can be startling. On average, one out of every six homes will be burglarized a year. Keep your doors and windows locked.

- According to the FBI 2015 statistics in the United States, burglaries account for 19.8 % of property crimes.
- Would be door-to-door solicitors may be used to detect if anyone is home.
- Half of all burglaries take place without forced entry. In many cases, the burglar uses a key or locates an unsecured door or window.
- The average burglar will give up and move on if they cannot get in within a few minutes.
- Barking dogs or noise within the home is often a deterrent.



Protect Your Home's Exterior

- CLOSE AND LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS. Use deadbolts with at least a one inch throw.
- Display your house number in plain view.
- Install lighting at all entrances, including decks, porches, sheds and garages.
- Trim back any overgrown trees and shrubs from window ledges. Overgrown landscaping provides burglars with a place to hide.
- Neighbors, passing motorists and police officers should be able to see your windows and doors. Close your blinds at night.
- Do not leave ladders in your yard. Be sure to secure them in your garage or shed.
- Reinforce sliding glass doors with slide bolt through the frame and a block in the track.
- Do not hide keys outside your home.
- Do not leave your garage door openers inside your vehicle. Lock interior garage doors.
- Alternate the location/direction of your parked vehicle (s) to avoid predictability.

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Protect Your Home's Interior

- Install dead bolt locks on all entrance and exit doors and make sure you use them every time you leave the residence. Many burglaries occur when a homeowner leaves for only a short time. ***If you leave it—lock it!***
- Install window locks. Always make sure ground floor windows are secure. There are bands of burglars who are organized. One will distract you while a partner climbs through an unlocked window.
- Install a “Door Viewer” or “Peep Hole” so you can see who is knocking at the door. If you don’t know who it is, do not open it.
- Do not leave information on your social networking sites or voice mail detailing your travel plans.
- Use timers on your lights to give the appearance that someone is home. Consider leaving a radio or television on.
- Cut up, fold or recycle boxes from recent expensive purchases instead of leaving them curbside.
- Do not leave your garage door open when outside doing yard work or other chores.

Programs offered by the New Castle County Police Community Services Unit:

The following programs are offered to community, church, civic and other organizations free of charge:

- Building Tours
- Bullying
- Burglary Prevention
- Child Safety
- Community/Block Watch
- Halloween Safely
- Heroin Alert
- Identity Theft
- Internet Safety
- Officer Friendly/Stranger Danger
- Personal Safety
- Police Athletic Leagues
- Project Lifesaver
- Senior Roll Call Lifeline
- The Law & You

The New Castle County Police Department

To accomplish our mission, there must be a joint effort of cooperation and understanding between the police and the citizens of New Castle County. These joint efforts and partnerships create a strong foundation of trust and cooperation which are the roots of community policing.

Every effort must be made to protect the partnership. Each member will strive to ensure that all citizens view the New Castle County Police as an essential part of the community and not an organization outside or estranged from it.

A cooperative and collaborative relationship with the community stems from the belief that we share a common goal of creating and maintaining safer communities. In addition to our partnerships with the communities, we will continue to build on our federal, state and local alliances within the criminal justice family.

A citizen's perception of the police department is largely impacted, if not completely determined, by the attitudes, appearance and performance of our officers. Our employees are our greatest resource and we must therefore strive to develop our department personnel to their fullest potential with an emphasis on professionalism and accountability.

Therefore, the fundamental philosophy of the New Castle County Police is to foster and build upon a problem solving police culture with the goal of improving the quality of life for the citizens of New Castle County through professionalism, efficiency, outreach and prevention.

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