Beat the burglar

★ MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE BURGLAR
★ DO NOT BE A TARGET
★ LOOK AT YOUR HOME THROUGH THE BURGLAR’S EYES
  ▶ Can they get into your home unseen?
  ▶ Do you have strong locks on your doors/windows?
  ▶ Would they make a lot of noise by breaking glass?

★ WINDOWS
  ▶ 1/3 of burglars get in through a back window.
  ▶ Visible windows deter burglars.
  ▶ “Do it yourself” shops sell key-operated locks to fit all kinds of windows.

★ LIGHTING
  ▶ Good lighting can deter a burglar.
  ▶ Purchase an exterior light that has an infra-red sensor that switches the light on.
  ▶ Look like you are in, even when you are really out:
    • Timed light switches.
    • Keep valuables out of sight.
    • Have a friend or pay a house sitter to take care of your home when you are out of town.

★ BURGLAR ALARMS
  ▶ Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice.

★ GARAGES
  ▶ A garage full of expensive tools and “toys” are ideal for breaking into especially when the door is left open.
  ▶ Keep your garage door shut, even when you are home. Burglars will enter your garage even when you are home, take your possessions and escape without notice.