**LOCKS**

Strong, reliable locks are essential to effective home and business security. Always keep doors and windows locked. Even a short trip to the store or a few moments away from your business is enough time for a burglar to enter your property.

**WINDOWS**

*For your home:* Most standard double hung windows have thumb turn locks between the two window panels. Do not rely on thumb turn locks. They can be pried open or easily reached through a broken pane.

**SHRUBS AND LANDSCAPING**

Your home or business walkways and landscaping should direct visitors to the main entrance and away from private areas. Landscaping should provide maximum visibility to and from your home or business.

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**Residential and Business Surveys**

To request a Security Survey contact:

Norfolk Police Department
Crime Prevention Section
2500 N. Military Highway
Norfolk, Virginia 23502
757-664-6901
The purpose of the survey is to determine existing design, electronic, and environmental weaknesses and to recommend such devices, procedures, and/or methods of application that will reduce or eliminate exposure to criminal opportunity.

Recommendations are based on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D) principles. If implemented, they should reduce the opportunity for crimes to be committed on residential or business property. However, there is no guarantee, even if recommendations are implemented, that crimes will not occur.

The security survey is designed to help residents and business owners protect their property. By requesting a Security Survey, property owners can learn what measures they can take to deter burglars from entering their property. While no plan is foolproof, a security survey can identify areas to improve security and make it more difficult for a crime to occur.

LIGHTING

Lighting is one of the most cost effective deterrents to burglary. Indoor lighting gives the impression that a home or business is occupied. If you are going to be away from your home or business, consider using automatic timers to switch interior lights on and off at preset times.

Outdoor lighting can eliminate hiding places. Install exterior lighting near porches, rear and side doorways, garage doors, and all other points of entry around your home or business. Entryways to your home or business always should be well lit. Place lights out of reach from the ground so the bulbs cannot be removed or broken. Aim some lights away from the house or business so you can see if anyone is approaching, or install motion sensor lighting, which turn on automatically as someone approaches.

EXTERIOR DOORS

For added security, use strong door hinges on the inside of the door, with non-removable or hidden pins. Every entry door should be well lit and have a wide-angle door viewer so you can see who is outside without opening the door.