

COMMUNITY ALERT

Notification



LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

THE WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY HAS RECENTLY EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES.

LAPD Pacific Area has implemented several crime fighting strategies to reduce crime in the area and apprehend suspects. Additionally, we want to work in partnership with the community to implement efforts to further reduce the likelihood of a burglary occurring at your residence.

Below is a list of suggestions to help secure your residences and maintain awareness.

Things to do to protect your home:

- Lock and secure your doors, <u>windows</u>, and garage especially when you leave your home. A
 window screen does not keep burglars out of the house (the majority of burglars enter through
 an unlocked window or sliding doors)
- Keep your windows clear of shrubs and hiding places for criminals
- Pick up your news papers and advertisements
- If someone knocks on the door and you chose not to answer, verbally tell them you cannot speak to them. This lets them know someone is home.
- If you have a home alarm system or video camera system, keep it on.
- Store all your valuables in a safe that is secured to the ground or in a wall
- Photograph your property and document the make, model, and serial numbers
- · Lock your bicycles in the garage
- Buy quality deadbolts, and window locks
- · Never leave your garage door open and unattended
- Park your car in your driveway to give the impression you are home

Things to do to get involved:

- Log on to WWW.pacificbeat.org
- Join a neighborhood watch group
- Get to know your neighbors and exchange telephone numbers (home and cell)
- If you see suspicious activity or a prowler call 877.ASK.LAPD, (877-275-5273)
- If you see someone enter your home or your neighbors home call 911
- Document vehicle descriptions and license plates (look for distinguishing marks)
- Document suspect descriptions, hair & eye color, height and weight, clothing description including shoes
- Do not get physically involved, be a good witness and call the police

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