

Important Numbers

Emergency	9-1-1
Non-Emergency	831-471-1121
Abandoned Vehicle	831-454-7602
Animal Complaints	831-454-7303
Graffiti Hotlines	
North County	831-427-0462
South County	831-722-7771
Street Lights Out	831-454-2160

Sheriff's Centers

Live Oak/Soquel Center	831-454-7682
San Lorenzo Valley	831-461-7400
South County	831-763-4420
Aptos	831-662-0690

 Nextdoor

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Securing your Vehicle

- Remove valuables from the vehicle. Don't just hide them.
- Lock all of the doors and close the trunk completely. Make sure all of the windows are rolled up.
- Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended.
- Be cautious with "hide-a-keys." Thieves tend to check wheel wells and under cars for magnetic or taped up keys.
- Note any distinguishing features of your vehicle. If something is wrong or appears off, thoroughly check the vehicle for anything missing.

Securing your Business

Employees:

- Provide clear instructions to employees on what to do if they see suspicious activity.
- Require employees to turn in keys upon dismissal.
- Set up a coded message with nearby businesses to call the police.

Security Systems:

- Make sure cameras and mirrors are placed to optimize coverage.
- Ensure all cameras function as intended.
- Change the tapes in the camera or recording devices regularly.
- Make sure all employees know how to operate the alarm system.

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Crime Prevention/ Burglary Tips



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Securing your Home, Vehicle, and Business

Securing your Home or Business

- Keep all doors, windows, and sliding doors locked. Consider installing a dead bolt lock.
- Keep the garage door closed and secured at all times.
- Secure outbuildings and sheds.
- Make sure all doors have a line of sight from a window. Do not open a door if you do not recognize the person.
- Make sure exterior doors are solid core.
- Reverse any exposed hinges on doors so that they are inaccessible from the outside.
- Give a spare key to a relative, neighbor, or close friend who lives nearby. A "Hide-A-Key" may be convenient, but it is also an open invitation for thieves.
- Lock your Wi-Fi.
- Walk around your house and see what is visible to help give you an idea if anything inside looks tempting to burglars.

Landscaping and Visibility

- Post the address of your home visibly facing the street.
- Trim hedges appropriately and maintain landscaping so deputies can easily check your property.
- Check all window-mounted air conditioning units for vulnerabilities.
- Use motion activated lights or lamp timers for efficient outdoor lighting. Make sure the light is distributed evenly.

Every Day, Alarms, and Vacations

- Do not leave packages, mail, or newspapers sitting outside. Regularly pick them up or arrange for someone to help you.
- Create the illusion that someone is always home (i.e. light timers).
- Make sure your alarms are well maintained and that their stickers are clearly visible from the street.
- Sign up for the Sheriff's Vacation Watch Program.
- Consider starting a

Neighborhood Watch program as they effectively reduce crime in neighborhoods. Contact your Sheriff's Office Community Center for assistance or visit Nextdoor.com.

Valuables

- Etch your California driver's license number or a unique identifier on your valuables. Do not use your Social Security number.
- Make a manifest with the serial numbers of all valuables electronics in your home and their descriptions; you can include a photo of the item. Make sure this manifest is stored in a secure location.
- Utilize a safe or locking closet to store the more valuable items.
- Photograph jewelry

➤ *If you suspect that an entry has been made into your home, Do Not Enter the Premises. Call 911 immediately.*