

Yes No

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Does your basement door have extra protection? A padlock?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Do the basement windows latches secure properly?

If you answered *no* to any of these questions, you have a problem to correct. Call the **Community Relations Division at 523-2013** if you need advice.

- ✓ Post your house numbers large and clear
- ✓ Do *NOT* put your name on your mailbox
- ✓ Portable/Cellular phones are helpful
- ✓ Leave a light on or get a motion sensor lamp front and back of the house
- ✓ Get to know your neighbors
- ✓ Start a neighborhood **BLOCK WATCH**
- ✓ Visit our website for more safety tips from the police department



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# A Home Security Audit

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*Burglary:*

Prevention & Awareness



# Crime Prevention & Awareness

The old adage “*An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure*”, is more true today than ever before. To be aware of crime and the measures you can take to prevent or deter it, is not a mystery.

Remember: “*don't give a criminal the opportunity to commit a crime against you*”. Your awareness of the techniques that have proven successful by others in deterring crime will help you secure your possessions.

Crime Prevention begins with a focus on two words: *responsibility & attitude*.

Ultimately, you are responsible for your own self-protection and safety. By developing and maintaining a positive and realistic attitude, you will and can take actions that will allow you to deter and avoid crime.

The West Hartford Police Department will make every effort to provide you with the tools you will need to better protect yourself. Together, you and your police department can make a difference and will collectively maintain the outstanding reputation our Town has for being a safe and spirited community.

# Take Your Own Survey

◆ Take a look at your home from the burglar's point of view; **the outside:**

Yes No

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Do trees or shrubbery obscure doors or windows?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Are any entrances to your home dark or poorly lit?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Are there any doors to a porch or garage that are always left open or unlocked?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Is there access to the second floor or roof by a ladder left in the yard?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Do you keep a spare key in a common hiding place (under the mat, over the door)?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Delivery packages, newspapers and/or mail piled up at the door?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Have you ever left a note stating “I'll be back in 10 minutes” on a door or window?

If you answered *yes* to any of these questions, you have a problem to correct. If you need further assistance you may call the Community **Relations Division at 523-2013** for advice.

Now take a look at your house from your point of view; **the inside:**

Yes No

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Are the exterior doors locked with a deadbolt, minimum of one-inch throw?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Is there a peephole viewer in the main entrance door?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Can any door lock be accessed by breaking the window of a door?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Are the screws in the door frame strike plate at least 2" long?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Are sliding doors and windows secure against movement up and or sideways?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Are your window locks secure?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Does the garage entrance to your home have a deadbolt lock?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Does your garage door lock?

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ Did you change the security access code on your electric garage door opener?