

BURGLARY CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN



For law enforcement- there is a difference between burglary and theft.

When you report a crime to 9-1-1 or to a Seattle Police officer, the language you use makes a difference!

If you see something- say something!

Call 911 immediately to report suspicious behavior!

Definitions:

Burglary

When someone enters physical property, not his or her own, without permission, with the intent to commit a crime

Theft

Whenever property is taken, that is theft

Types of Burglary:

- Residential burglary
- Non-residential burglary (commercial)

Prevention Techniques:

Be consistent

- Try not to leave valuables in plain sight through windows or doors
- Make home/business appear as if there is someone there by leaving lights, music and/or televisions on
- Install security system, if possible
- Secure and lock all windows and doors
- Don't leave a spare key out
- Secure and maintain yard, patios and outdoor spaces (trim back concealing shrubbery)
- Get to know your neighbors
- Stay vigilant and observant

To report property theft that is not in-progress: call the Seattle Police Non-Emergency Number: (206) 625-5011