

Crime Prevention & Scam Awareness



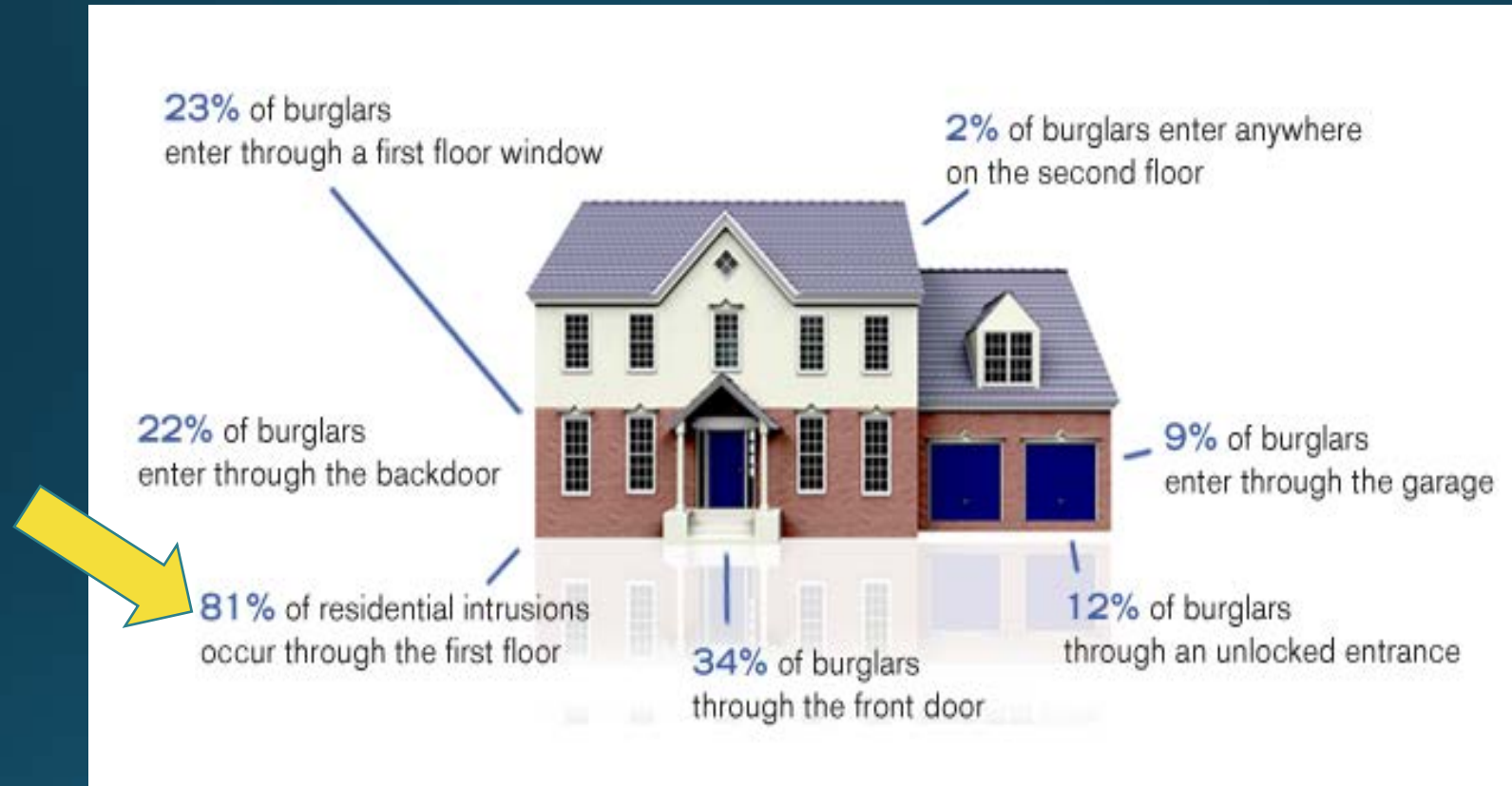
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Part I: Crime Prevention

- AT HOME

- -If you have an alarm system: USE IT
- -Keeps doors and windows locked (Additional Locks)
 - -Utilized Deadbolt locks / Solid Core Doors
- -Utilize lighting (Exterior and Interior) (Sensor Lights)
- -Surveillance Video Equipment
- -Keep valuables out of sight
- -If away, advise Police for a **"Vacation Notice"**
 - -Police will provide additional patrols of area and check residence
- -Be aware of anything suspicious for both you and neighbors
- -**If you see something suspicious report immediately**

Home Burglary Entry Points



According to FBI: Home burglary every 15.4 seconds in U.S.

Crime Prevention

- Vehicle

- -Keep vehicles locked (even when home)
- -Keep valuables out of sight and out of mind
- -Do not leave keys within the vehicle
 - Modern vehicles with key FOBS
- -Most vehicle burglaries are to unlocked vehicles (easy access)
 - -Burglars will walk around checking for unlocked vehicles!

Current Trends.....

- Recent burglaries to residences when residents are out
- Daytime Hours – 10:00am to 2:00pm
- Evening hours 4:00Pm to 9:00PM
- Targeting Jewelry and Cash
- High End Jewelry / **24kt.**
- Power cut off to residence at the exterior (not common)
- Rear entry to these homes
 - -Window Pry
 - -Forced Door
 - -Checking for unlocked windows / doors

Distraction Burglaries

- Subject poses as contractor/public utility service/tree service
 - Knocks on door and distracts victim by taking outside or another part of the house
 - A second suspect enters the home and steals valuables
 - Victim is often unaware of the crime until much later
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- Did you make an appointment or is the visit unannounced?
 - Call company to verify they are legit/ask for ID
 - Call the police if unsure

Thefts in the Home

- Large number of thefts in the communities, Home Health Aids are the prime suspects
- Cleaning persons are also common
- Protect your valuables when aids or cleaning personnel are in the home

Current Trends Continued.....

- **Construction Site Burglaries**
- Heavy Equipment Thefts
- Construction Materials
 - Copper Piping
 - Lumber
 - Sheetrock
 - Appliances