



Baton Rouge Police Department's

HOME SAFETY REVIEW SHEET **FOUR MAJOR COMPONENTS OF HOME SAFETY**

- *Door and Window Locks*
 - *Lighting inside and outside of the home*
 - *Visibility to see inside and outside*
 - *Landscape*
1. **Doors and Windows:** make sure that all doors and windows are locked at night when you are home and when you are away from home.
 2. Use dead-bolt locks that require opening and locking with a key.
 3. Make sure the door entrance does not have gaps that expose the door fixings, where someone could use a knife or screwdriver to gain entrance.
 4. **Lighting:** inside and outside lighting should be activated by motions. Constant light does not bother us, but motion lights will alert us by going off and on.
 5. Lights should be on the corners of the home so that the light will shine from out to end.
 6. Lights should be used for security measures only.
 7. **Visibility:** make sure that there are no bushes that block or deter your ability to see out of the windows or doors that have a window pane.
 8. Your mini blinds should be turned upward and not downward. When the blinds are downward you cannot see out but they can see in. When the blinds are upward you can see out and they can't see in.
 9. **Landscape Keeping:** the trees and bushes should be trimmed.
 10. Don't leave objects in the yard that can be used as a tool for entrance to your home.