

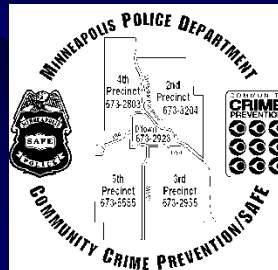


# *Home Security*

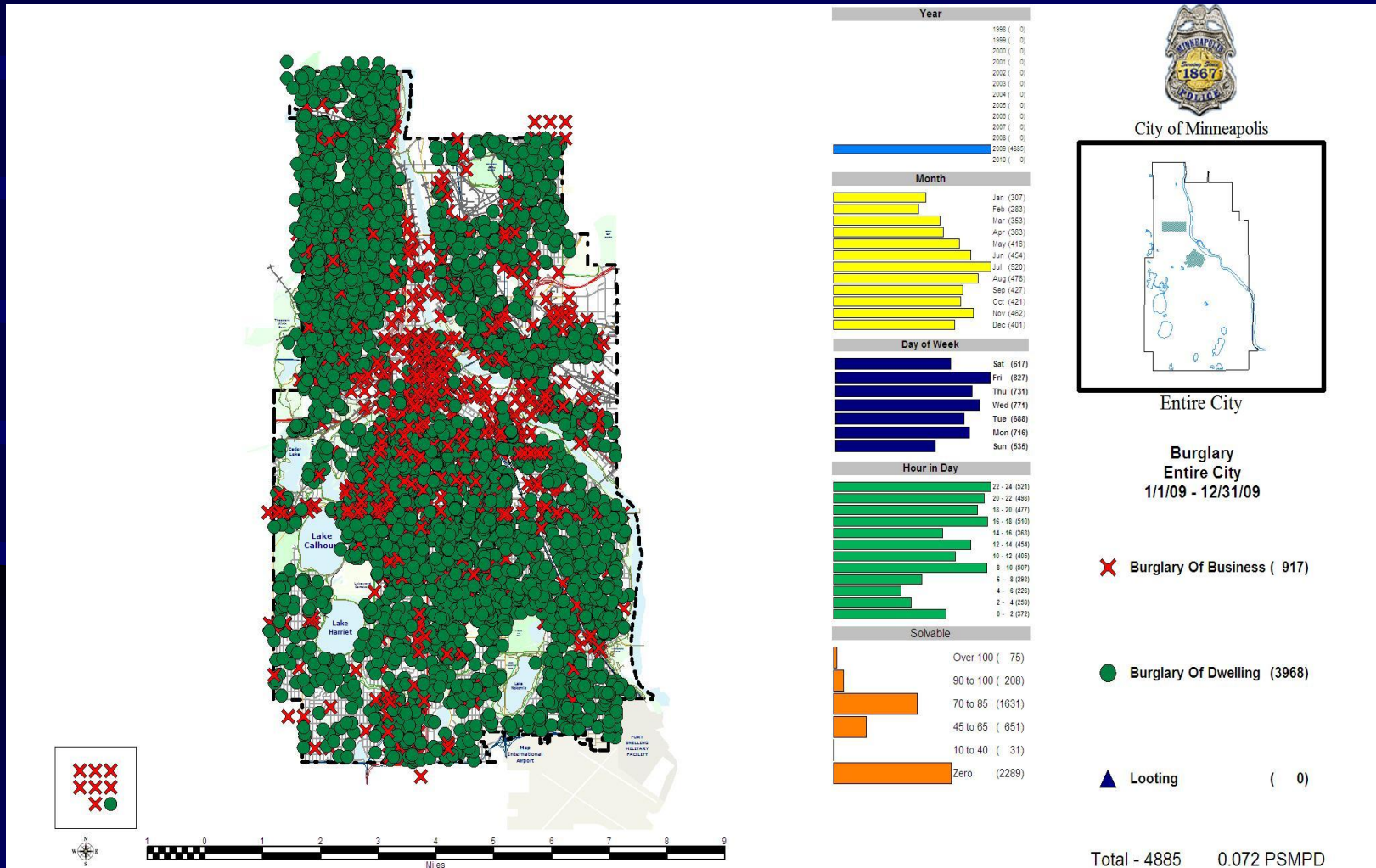
3rd Precinct CCP/SAFE  
Minneapolis Police Department



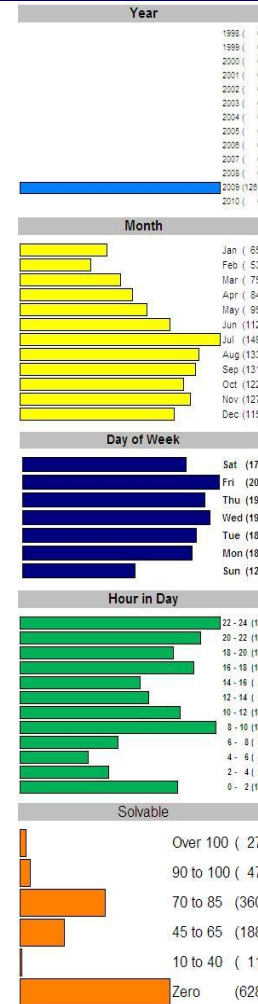
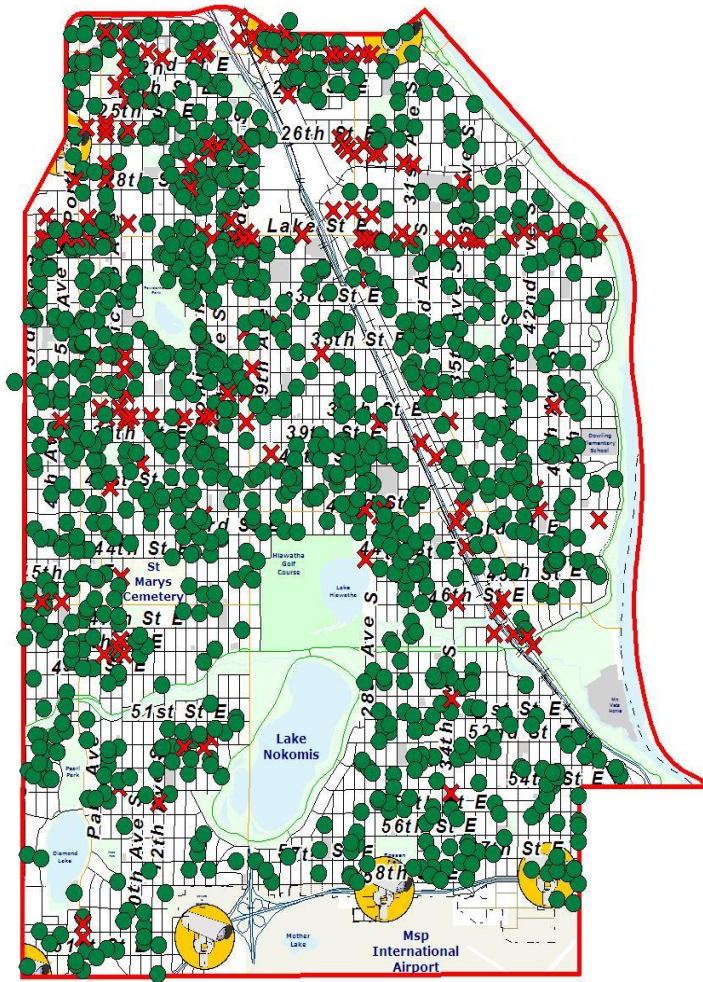
# Burglary Statistics



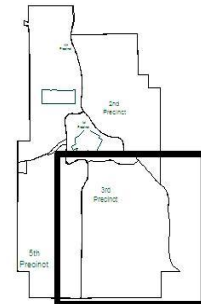
- In 2009 residential dwellers and businesses in Minneapolis experienced over 4800 burglaries.



# There were about 1260 burglaries reported in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct in 2009



City of Minneapolis



Precincts

**Burglary  
3rd Precinct  
1/1/09 - 12/31/09**

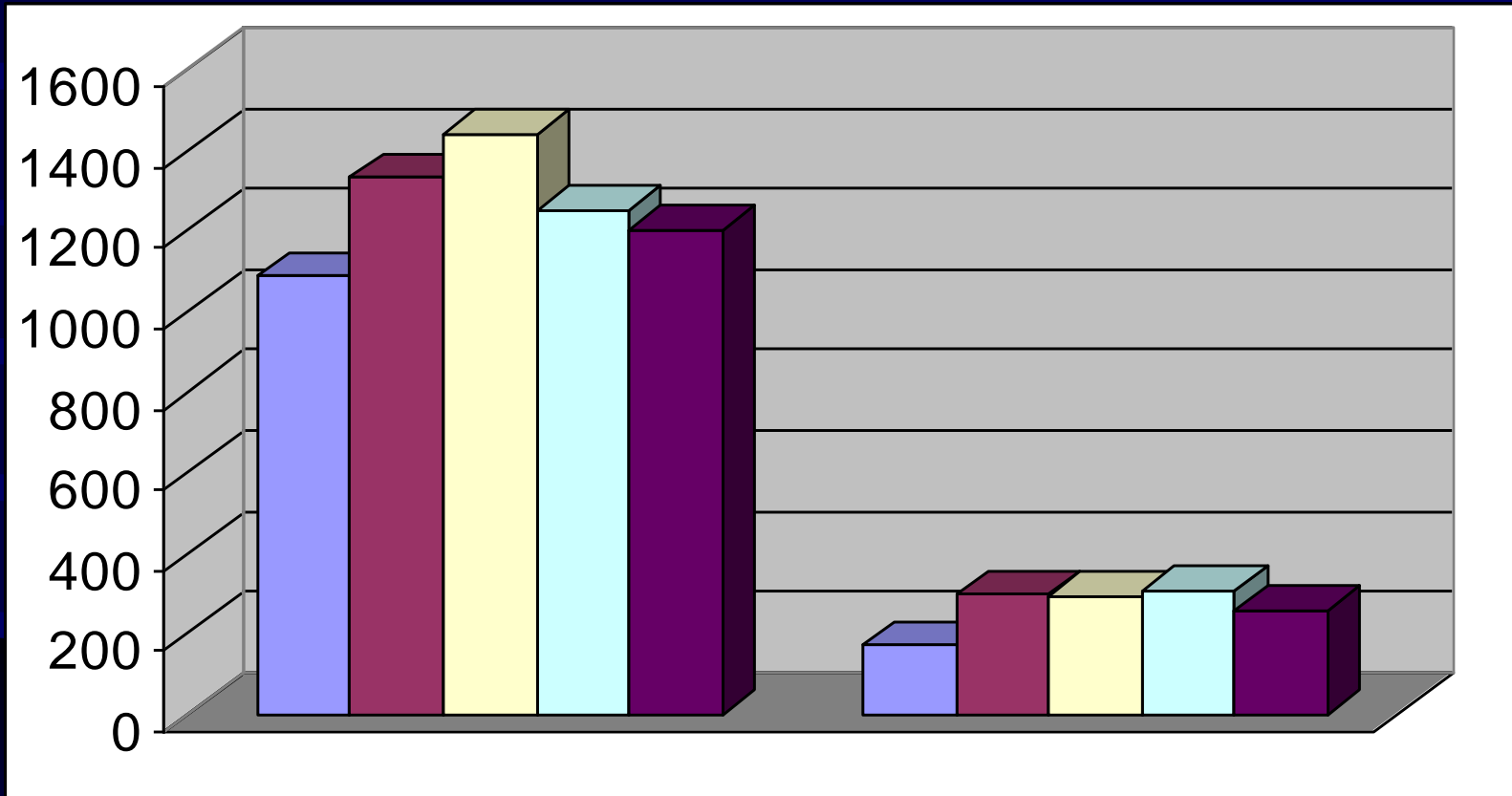
**X Burglary Of Business ( 173 )**

**● Burglary Of Dwelling (1088)**

**▲ Looting ( 0 )**

Total - 1261    0.198 PSMPD

## 5 Year Burglary Comparison - 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct



Home

Business

2009

2008

2007

2006

2005

# What Is A burglary?

Burglary is the term used by police and the criminal justice system to describe the act of breaking into someone's home, garage, or business to commit a crime.

**IT IS NOT A ROBBERY !**

There are two types of burglaries, **forced** and **unforced**.

**Forced burglaries:** The criminal breaks a window, breaks in a door, or uses some other force against the property to enter.

**Unforced burglaries:** The burglar enters through an unlocked door, open window, etc.

**In 2006, of all the burglaries  
committed in the 3rd  
Precinct ....**

**About 50% of  
them were  
unforced !**

**For garage burglaries :**

**About 85% of  
them were  
unforced !**



**“Unforced”**

**Generally means**

**“Preventable”**

If you suspect a burglary in progress.

# Call 911

- \* Tell the dispatcher what you are seeing.
- \* Describe the suspects for the police.
- \* If possible to stay on the line with the operator to keep police updated.

# Preventing Yourself From Being A Victim.



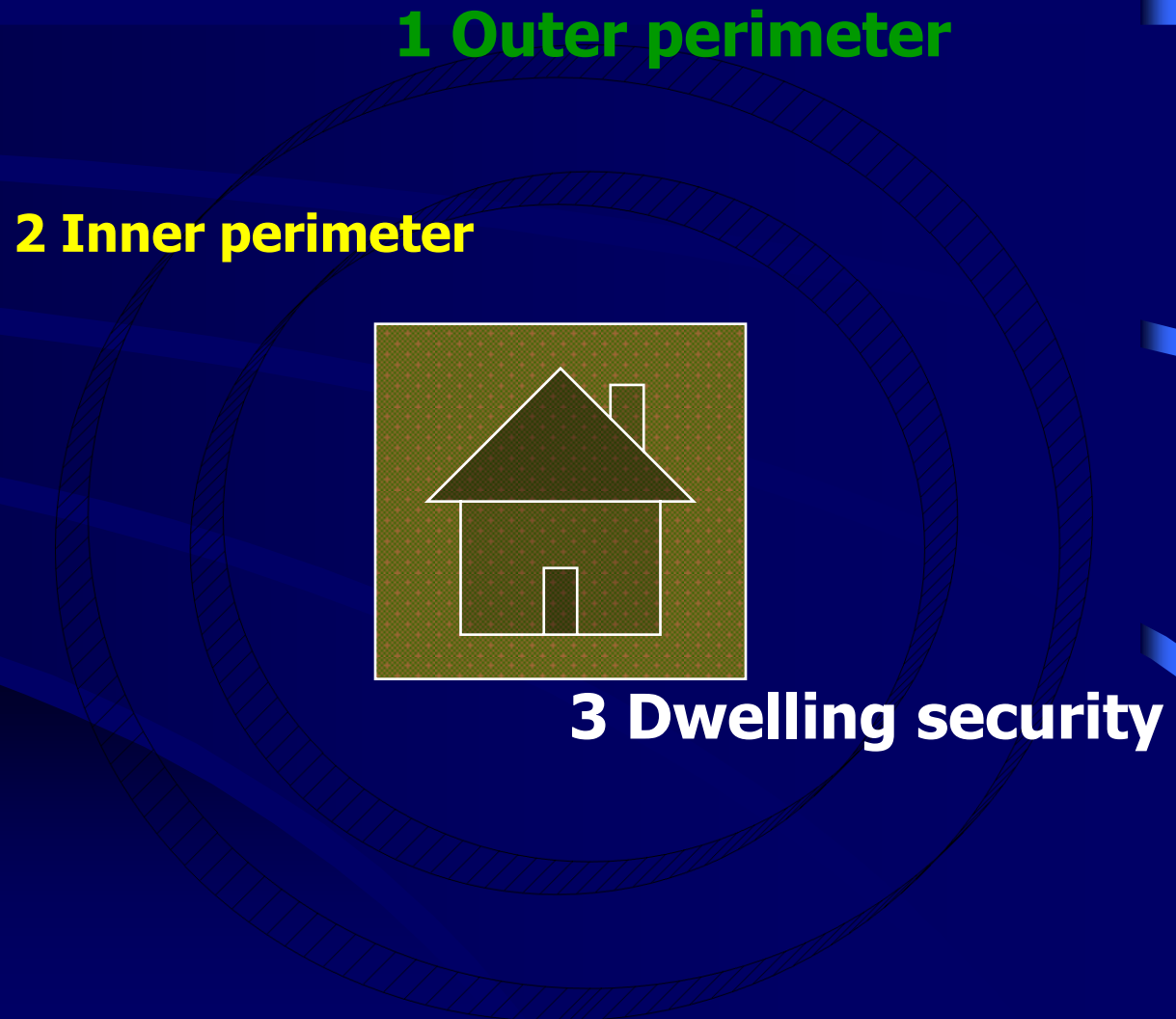
Providing obstacles to easy access to your property reduces the burglars ability to victimize you. That's called:

## **Target hardening**

The harder it is for a criminal to get in, the less likely it is that you will be victimized. Often the criminal will simply move on to easier targets.

# Where to start?

Think of your home being surrounded by security perimeters:



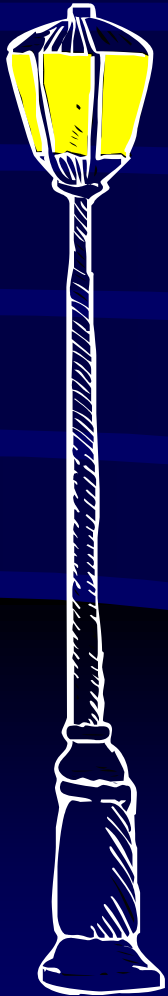
# Outer Perimeter- Your Block

## Your First Line of Defense

- Is the block organized?
  - Block Club\Watch
  - Do the neighbors know each other?
  - Are they looking out for one another?
  - Do people call 911 ?
- Are all the properties on the block properly maintained?
- Is there adequate lighting?
- Are neighborhood trees and shrubs trimmed properly?
- Does your block look cared for?

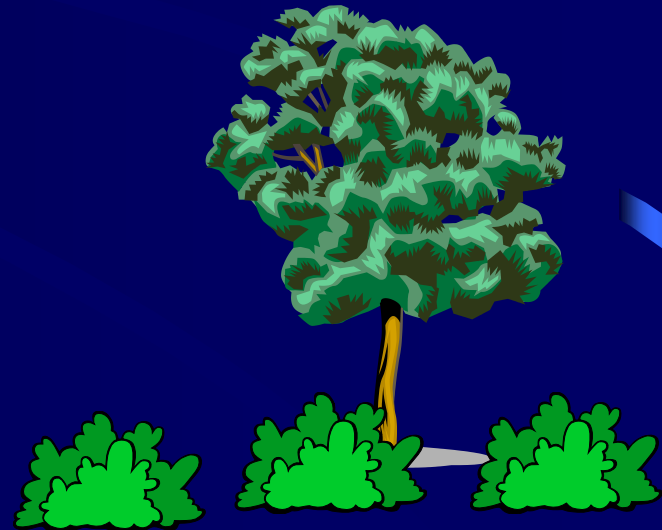


# Inner Perimeter- Your Yard



- Lighting
  - Garage exterior motion
  - Exterior doors lighted all hours of darkness
  - blind spots and approaches

- Landscaping
  - Defines property lines
    - With flowers, shrubs, trees or fencing
  - Shows ownership through proper maintenance
  - 3' to 7' Rule



# Garage Security

- Lock your garages
  - Typically about 50 % of burglarized garages are left unlocked
- Cover all garage windows
  - don't show thieves what you have
- Overhead doors
  - secure with automatic garage door openers or padlock
- Service doors
  - solid core doors w/double cylinder deadbolt

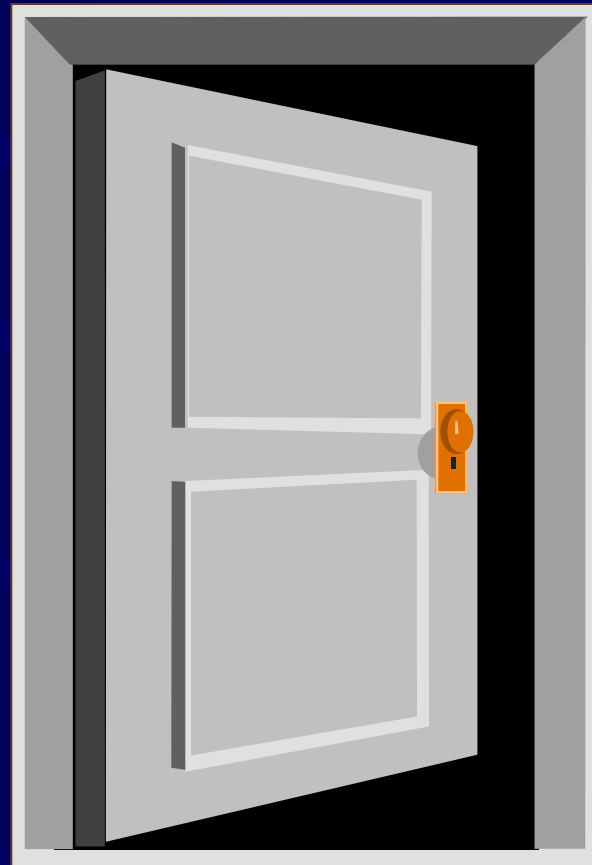


# Does your home appear occupied when you aren't there?

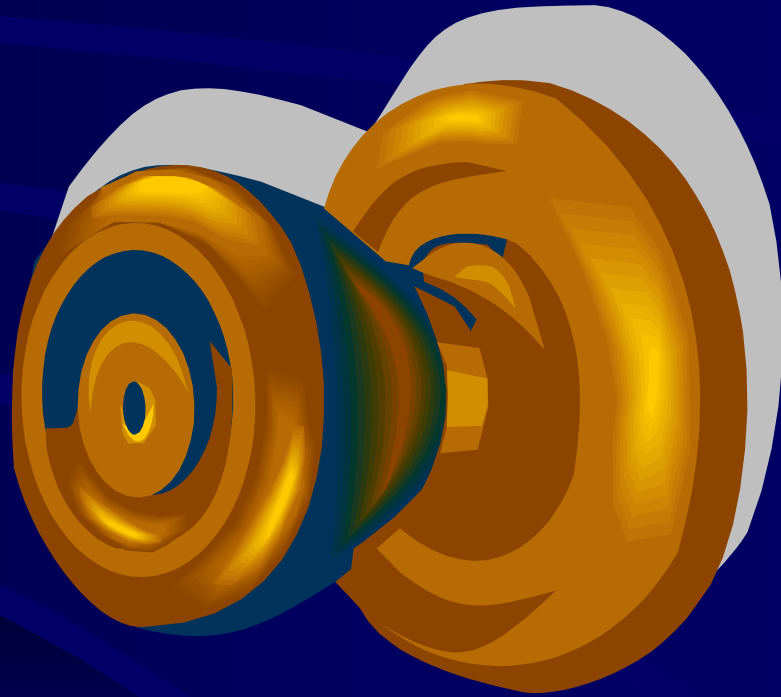
- Lights on timers.
- Keep shades pulled.
- Have mail picked up when you're gone for a few days or on vacation.
- Keep a radio or television on.
- Dogs who bark discourage entry.

- Exterior doors
  - Metal, solid wood or solid core
  - Doors with thin panels should be reinforced or replaced
  - glass in doors should be reinforced w/screen, grill, or high impact polycarbonate
  - Peephole viewing on all exterior doors
  - Peephole for children at eye level

## Doors

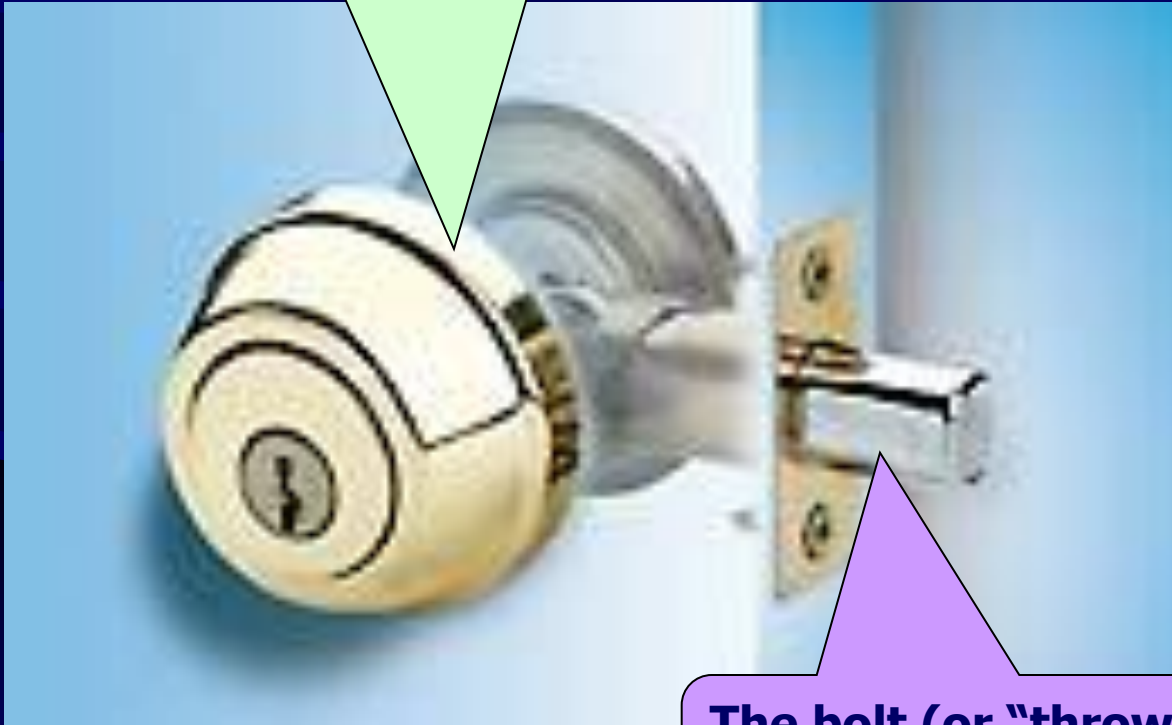


# Locks



# DEADBOLT LOCKS

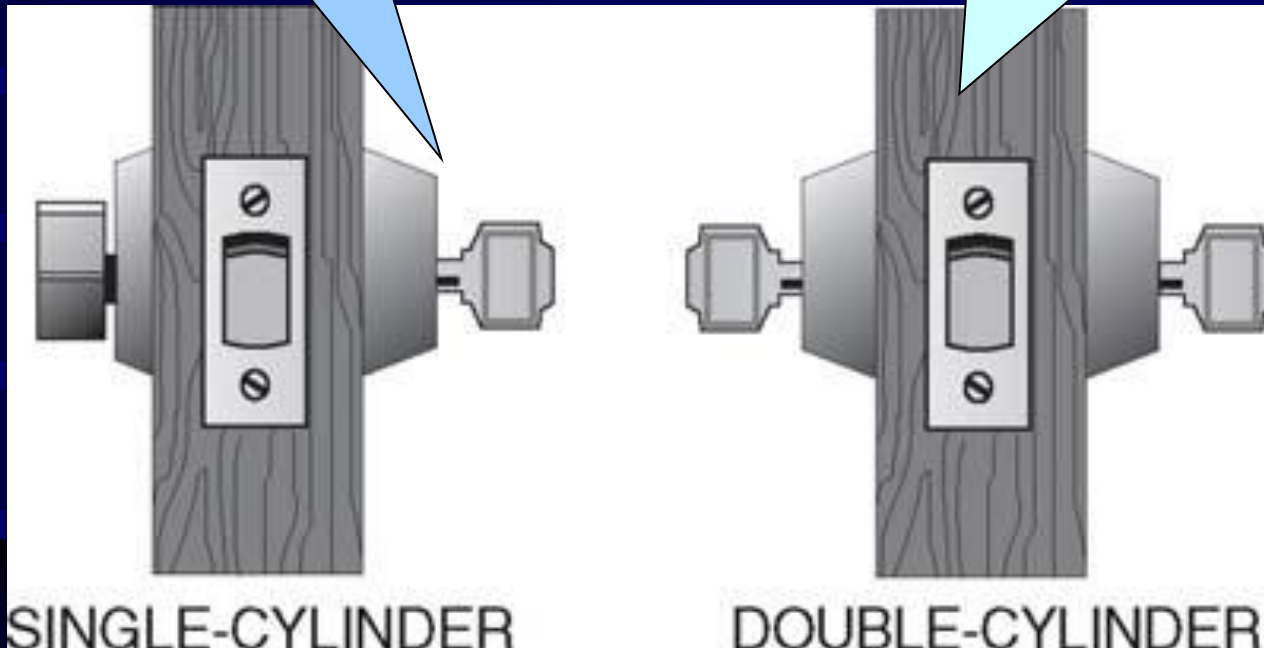
Bolt can only be retracted by turning the key. (i.e. "deadbolt")



The bolt (or "throw") should be 1 inch long.

**Keyed on the outside.  
Good for most doors**

**Keyed on both sides Good  
for doors with glass in them.**



# Some burglars like to kick in doors !!

A good quality dead bolt lock means nothing unless it's installed with a **"high security strike plate"**.

The strike plate should be **7 to 10 inches tall** with at least **4 screw holes**.

Use screws that are at least **3 inches long**. The screws must go through the strike plate, the door jamb and into the framing .... the wooden studs that surround the door.



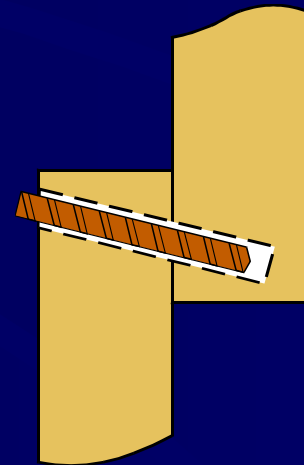
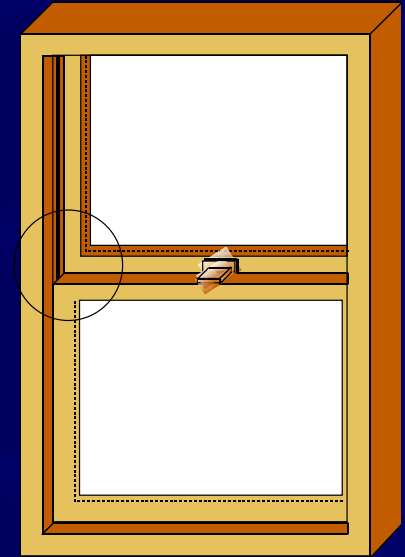
**That's No Bull! !**



# Double Hung Windows

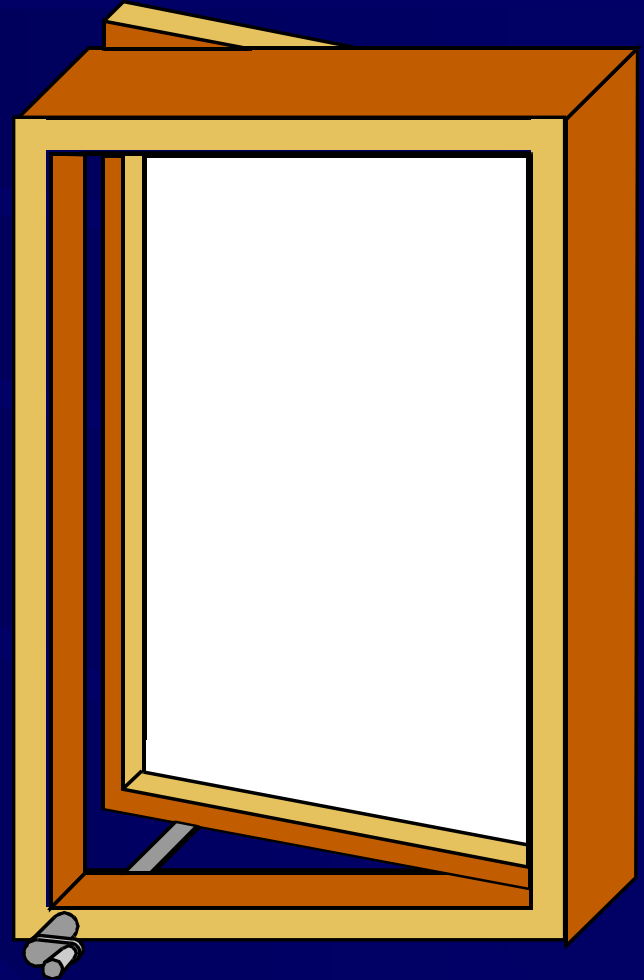
Standard window locks ("clam shell") are not reliable for security !

- Window can be secured in a couple of ways
  - pinning
  - 1/4 round wood strip in the track
  - other window pinning devices



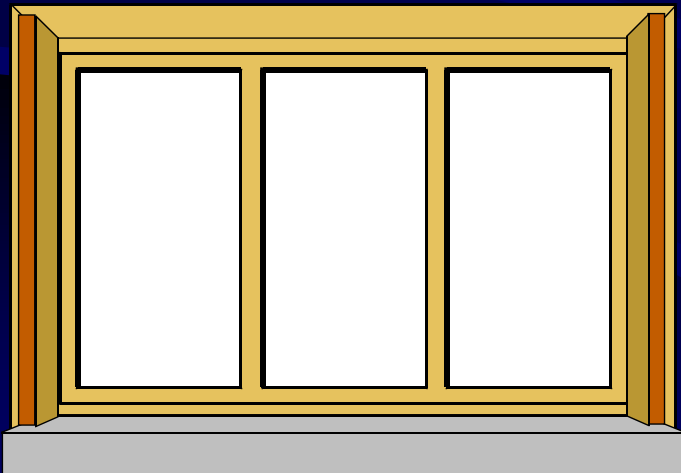
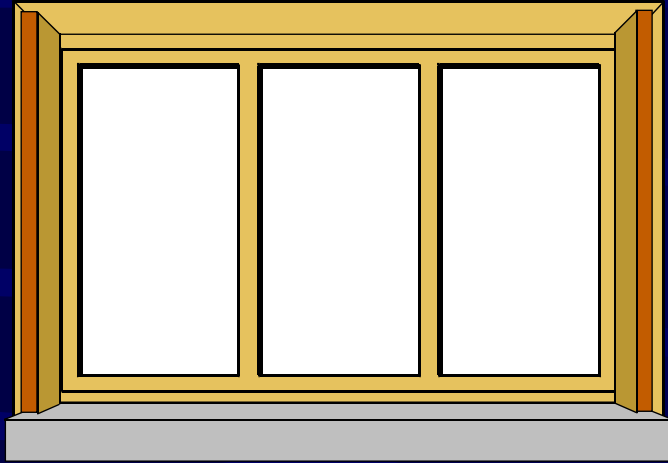
# Casement or crank-out Windows

- Provide good security when closed
- When open they are difficult to secure
  - remove the crank handle and store nearby when open





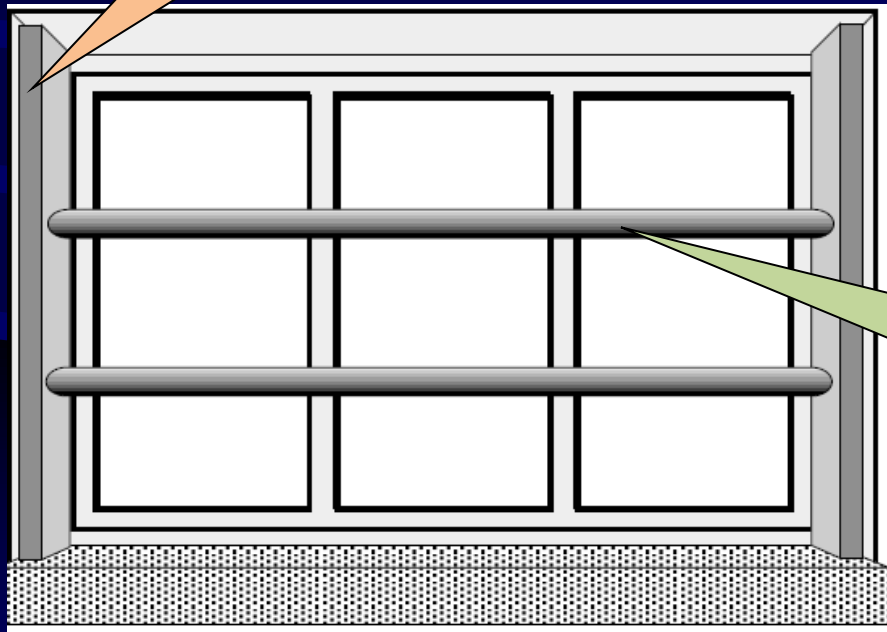
# Basement Windows



- In basements that are not used as sleeping rooms you can:
  - Screw shut windows
  - **Bar windows**
  - install window grills
  - replace w/glass block
- Basement sleeping rooms must have a window egress

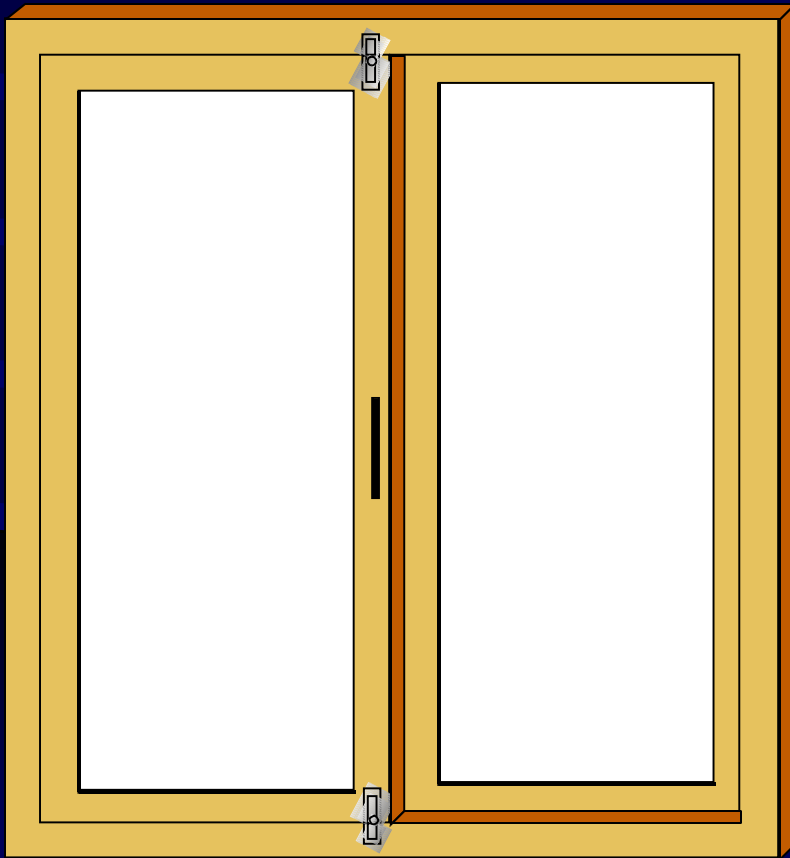
# Basement Window Bars

**2 X 4 lumber**



cast iron  
plumbing pipe

# Sliding Glass Doors or Windows



- Sliding doors- Can be removed from their tracks with little effort
  - place screws in the tracks to fill the gap in the track
- Sliding windows-sliding can be forced
  - pin windows where they meet

# ALARM SYSTEMS

**Should I or Shouldn't I ?**





## Some Pro's

- ✓ **An alarm system will alert you to an intruder when you and your family are at home.**
- ✓ **Some alarm systems offer a medical alert option that will summon medical help.**
- ✓ **It can alert your neighbors to a break in when you aren't home.**
- ✓ **They can give you with peace – of - mind.**

# Things To Consider Before Buying An Alarm System ?

- ✓ How good is your current security ?
- ✓ Often making simple physical changes to your property is effective.
- ✓ Alarm systems vary widely. DO YOUR RESEARCH BEFORE BUYING.
- ✓ Is the alarm company reputable, well known ?
- ✓ How is your alarm system monitored ?

(Re: Questions To Ask Before Buying A Home Alarm System)

# ALSO



**Minneapolis Police  
Respond to  
11, 000 – 12,000 alarm  
calls each year.**



- **Police officers do not respond to alarm calls with red lights and sirens.**
- **First, because of the danger to citizens and police during high speed driving,  
and because .....**

98% of the  
calls are false  
alarms !!



## **FALSE ALARM CONSEQUENCES**

**The City Of Minneapolis tracks alarm calls to the police. In 2007 false alarms cost the city about \$ 535, 000.**

**The city recovered \$ 388,000 through registration fees and fines to the home owner.**

## Registration Fees and Fines



Your 1<sup>st</sup> false alarm will cost you a \$30 registration fee.

The second one will cost you \$100.

The third one will cost you \$200.

The fine will increase by \$100 for each subsequent alarm.

For more info. go to:

[www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/business-licensing/falsealarms.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/business-licensing/falsealarms.asp)

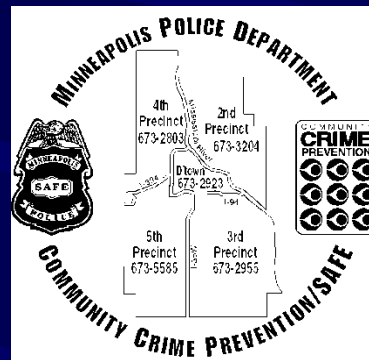
**The City can suspend police response to alarm calls at your address for failure to pay the registration fees and fines.**



# PERSONAL SAFETY

The principles we've discussed tonight apply not only to burglary prevention but to personal safety as well. If you make it very difficult for someone to break into your home, you've also made it difficult for them to do physical harm you or your family as well.

If you have questions or need more information contact your Crime Prevention Specialist.



Thank You For Your Time !!