

# Missoula Neighborhood Watch

## General Meeting, Oct. 29, 2019



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# Combating bike theft

- ▶ City is implementing Project 529 for bike registration
- ▶ Project 529 app allows people to register bikes themselves
- ▶ Developed by creator of Xbox after his bikes were stolen
- ▶ Can upload pics, list bike as stolen, notify others in area
- ▶ Existing registered bikes will be added to database with city information
- ▶ You can check to see if a bike is stolen before buying a used one
- ▶ Order a “shield” to attach to your bike
- ▶ Go to [www.project529.com](http://www.project529.com)



# Making your home safer - outside the home

- ▶ Make sure shrubs are trimmed to less than 3 feet high
- ▶ Tree branches should be at least 6 feet off the ground
- ▶ Are branches blocking exterior lighting?
- ▶ Plant shrubs and bushes at base of windows that are prickly or difficult to hide in, and that don't grow very high
- ▶ A maintained residence tells thieves that someone cares about this property

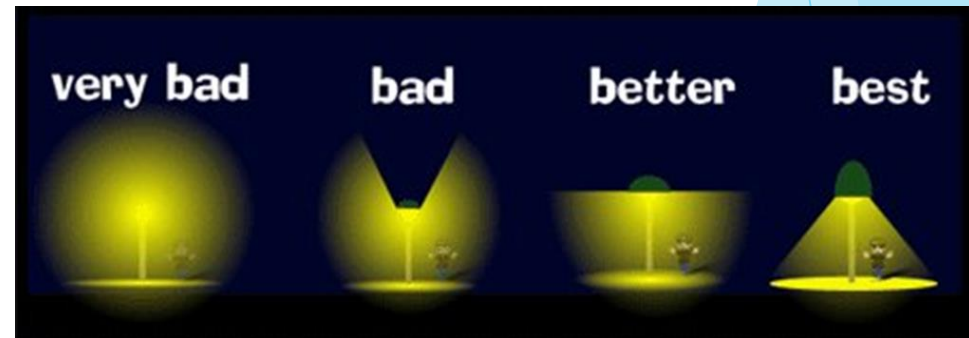


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- ▶ How's your exterior lighting?
- ▶ Get ride of those incandescent bulbs!
- ▶ LED lights are great - save energy, last forever
- ▶ Make sure lights are focused downward
- ▶ Use motion sensors - easy to install, save energy
- ▶ Are exterior lights out of reach?
- ▶ Is each entryway well lit?

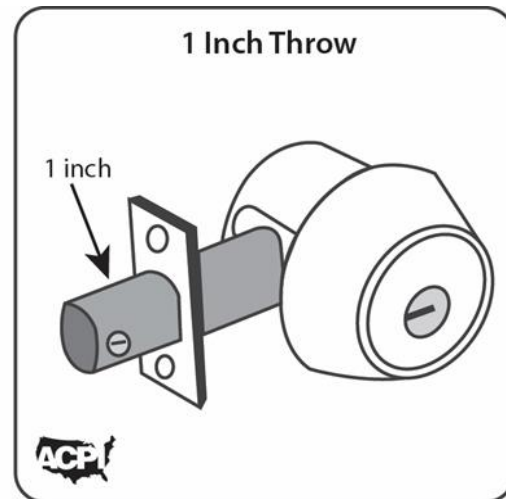


The photos below illustrate a typical, ineffective and wasteful, security lighting installation which creates a deeper contrast of shadows in which people can hide.



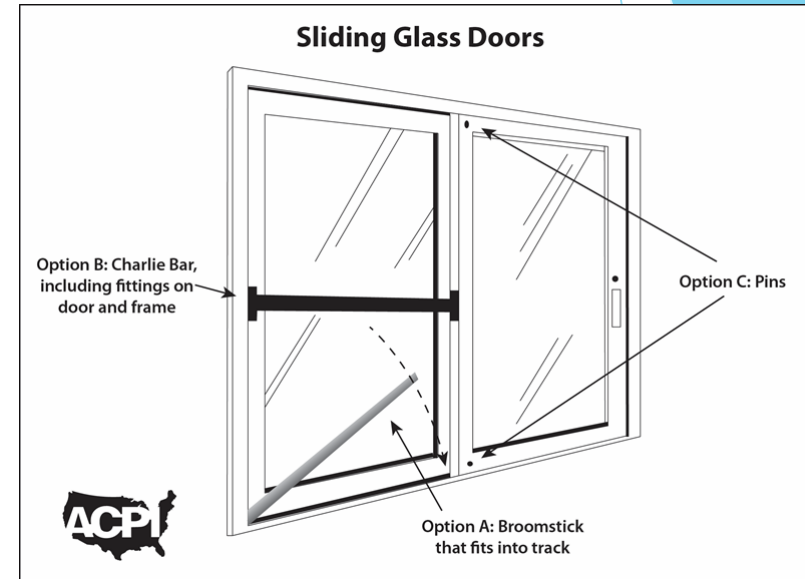
# Making your home safer - from the inside

- ▶ Check your door frames for cheap, thin door jambs
- ▶ Are your door hinge pins removable from the outside?
- ▶ Was your door frame secured with 3-inch screws?
- ▶ Do you have a high-security strike plate?
- ▶ Do you have a dead bolt? Does it have a 1-inch 'throw'?



# Making your home safer - from the inside

- ▶ Do you use dowel rods or broomsticks to secure sliding glass doors
- ▶ Do you have secondary locks on your ground-level windows?
- ▶ Most garage door openers can be disabled while you are gone
- ▶ Did you know you can put a lock in your garage door track?
- ▶ Do you have a door leading into your garage, or house? How strong is it? What about the lock?



# Miscellaneous items...

- ▶ Are your house numbers at least 4 inches tall and reflective? Are they covered by a bush, hidden under an awning, or poorly lit?
- ▶ Do you have a peephole in your front door?
- ▶ Do you have a safe that's secured to wall or floor?
- ▶ Have your priced outdoor security cameras lately?
- ▶ When was the last time you inventoried your valuables, especially those with serial numbers (hint: use your cell phone)

