



# SANDY POLICE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2015 BURGLARY PREVENTION WHILE ON VACATION

Vacations provide burglars with plenty of time to enter your home remove large items and search leisurely for hidden valuables.

If you are planning a vacation, take precautions to protect your home while you are away. The key is to create an illusion of everyday activity. Following this checklist will make it appear that someone is home, which is your first defense against burglary.

1. Ask police to check your home and patrol your neighborhood more closely while you are away.

<http://sandy.utah.gov/government/police-department/patrol-division/vacation-watch.html>

2. Stop mail and newspaper deliveries, or have a trusted neighbor collect them while you are away so that they do not accumulate.

3. Secure all doors, window, pet entrances and garage doors.

4. Transfer valuables to a safety deposit box.

5. Place timers on indoor lamps and appliances to illuminate your home at night, and set timers to turn on radios and televisions randomly during the day.

6. Check that no bulbs are burned out on your indoor lamps, or outdoor lighting fixtures.

7. Arrange to have your landscaping continue, or your driveways and walks shoveled. A snow-covered driveway without tire tracks or an overgrown yard is an immediate indicator to burglars that nobody is home.

8. Have one trusted friend check your home, inside and out, each day.

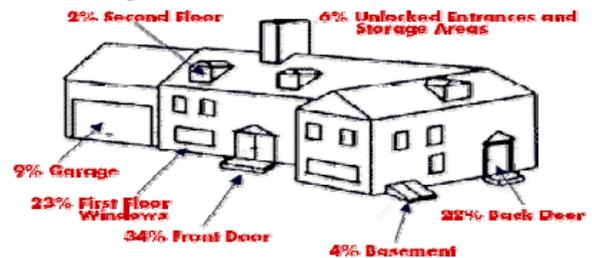
9. Keep some shades and blinds up and curtains open during the day to maintain a normal appearance. Have the trusted friend close them at night.

10. Don't indicate you're your answering machine or social media that you are away.

11. Park a car half-way down your driveway to create the illusion that the home is occupied. This will also inhibit a burglar from using your driveway as a way to better access your property.

12. Hide your garbage cans in the garage. Also, have your trusted friend take the garbage cans out on garbage day (even if nothing is in them).

### How They Break In:



## STATISTICS

<b>December 2014</b>									
<b>Sandy City Offenses</b>	<b>Flat Iron</b>	<b>Canyon</b>	<b>Dimple Dell</b>	<b>Bluff</b>	<b>Auto Mall</b>	<b>South Towne</b>	<b>Jordan</b>	<b>Historic</b>	<b>Total</b>
Assault	7	2	1	1	8	3	11	19	52
Burglary	3	3	1	0	6	1	5	9	28
Controlled Substances	3	0	0	1	1	0	6	8	19
Damaged Property	11	9	1	2	8	2	8	10	51
Family Offenses	5	3	1	0	3	2	7	11	32
Fish and Game	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Flight or Escape	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	7
Forgery	1	0	0	0	3	3	5	3	15
Fraudulent	0	0	0	0	7	14	3	13	37
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Liquor Law	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Morals - Decency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Obstructing Police	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Privacy Violations	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	5
Property Crimes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Public Order	8	7	4	5	14	2	27	26	93
Public Peace	10	9	2	4	9	4	4	24	66
Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	5
Sex Offenses	3	0	0	0	1	3	2	5	14
Stolen Vehicles	0	0	0	0	5	1	5	5	16
Theft	16	9	9	4	28	22	39	43	170
Traffic Offenses	17	14	5	8	41	29	60	49	223
Weapons Offenses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>847</b>

**Flat Iron-** 1300 E to the East border, North border to 9400 S; **Canyon-** 1300 E to the East border, 9400 S to the Gully; **Dimple Dell-** 1300 E to the East border, 10350 S to 11400 S; **Bluff-** 1300 E to the East border, 11400 S to South border; **South Towne-** West border to 1300 E, Gully to 10600 S; **Auto Mall-** West border to 1300 E, 10600 S to South border; **Historic-** West border to 1300 E, North border to 9000 S; **Jordan-** West border to 1300 E, 9000 S to the Gully



### K-9 SUCCESS STORIES

K-9 Joker performed an area search for a suspect who fled during an arrest. Narcotics and distribution materials were located in the vehicle. Joker located the suspect hiding under a deck. The suspect surrendered.

K-9 Jag assisted in clearing a High School. Two males were located inside the school. Jag barked at the suspects who then gave up and were taken into custody!