



*CYPRESS*

# **POLICE**

## **Crime Prevention Tips at Home**

- Have deadbolts installed on your doors, and keep all doors and windows locked.
- Draw the curtains at night, and keep the outside and inside of your house well lit.
- Install motion sensor lights outside, and use automatic timers on lamps.
- Install a peephole in your door.
- Do not leave extra keys in obvious places outside.
- If possible, install a home security system.
- If you live in a building with an elevator, do not remain in an elevator with a stranger if you feel unsafe. Do not buzz anyone in unless you are certain you know who they

## **Safeguard Your Mail**

- Retrieve your mail as soon as possible from your mailbox, or set up a P.O. box, so sensitive mail cannot be stolen.
- When possible, mail letters directly at the post office or with your postal worker.
- Set up Direct Deposits for Benefit Checks
- Physical checks can be stolen from mailboxes or easily picked up by someone who enters your home. It's best to have your benefit checks deposited directly into your account.

## **Never Allow an Unsolicited Contractor to Enter Your Home**

- Keep your doors locked, and do not invite them in. Ask for identification, even if they say it is an emergency.
- If necessary, call the company to confirm the individual is meant to be there.
- Call a neighbor or 911 if you sense something is not right.

## **Protect Yourself From Financial Elder Abuse**

- Maintain control over your finances, and monitor accounts for abnormal withdrawals.
- Regularly review your will, power of attorney, and property titles.



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