

Hazard: Entry by Intruders

Identity of Hazard(s): This includes difficulties in keeping a dwelling secure against unauthorized entry and the maintenance of defensible space (the yard and surrounding area).¹

Primary Health Outcome(s): Emotional stress¹

Health Alert! Each year around 2% of households experience burglary with entry, and 1.5% of households experience attempted burglary. Offenders use violence in about 9% of burglaries, although in many incidents involving violence the offender has some prior relationship with the victim.¹

Gain Control: Actions You Can Take²

- Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.
 - Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.
 - Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.
 - Keep your garage door closed and locked.
 - Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.
 - Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.
 - Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.
 - Have adequate exterior lighting. A motion-sensitive light is recommended for backyards.
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Local Resources for Detroit Residents:

- If renting, call Detroit Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department (BSEED) Property Maintenance Division: (313) 628-2451
- Detroit Planning and Development Department (CDBG Home Repair Program): (313) 224-3461
 - Must be homeowner with homeowners insurance and be current on property taxes

¹ http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=operating_guidance_hhrs_v1.pdf

² <http://www.globalsecurityexperts.com/home-security/burglary-prevention-tips.html>