



HEAT WAVE CRIME WAVE



According to the FBI, property crimes including burglary, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft can rise as much as 9 percent between May and September - the highest percentage in the calendar year. Signal 88 Security recommends securing three areas of your home to keep yourself and your property safe this season.

Inside Your Residence



Install deadbolt locks on all outside doors, and make sure they do not require a key to unlock them from the inside.



Keep your blinds or curtains closed when you're not home, especially on your main or ground-level floor.



If your outside door has window panels on the side, cover them with blinds or curtains.



If you have a sliding glass door, consider adding a defense other than the standard lock, such as blocking the track or installing a protective film that prevents the glass door from being smashed in.

Outside Your Residence



Be on the lookout for graffiti tags and vandalism, and fix it as soon as it happens.



Report suspicious activity to your property manager, HOA or local law enforcement.



Trim bushes and maintain landscaping to avoid creating unwanted hiding places for would-be intruders.



The exterior of your property should be well-lit. Consider installing motion detector lights.

Where You Park



Always lock your vehicle, roll up the windows and keep valuables out of sight, no matter where you park.



If you have a garage door, always close it.



In any parking lot, park under a light, if possible.



Lock the door from your garage to your home, and remove your garage door opener from your car if you need to park outside overnight.

