

FACTS AND STATS

Burglary definition:

The act of entering into an inhabitable dwelling with the intent to commit theft or any felony.

According to FBI's Nationwide Data
Collected from 2013...

- There is a Property Crime Every 3.7 Seconds
- There is a Burglary Every 16.4 Seconds
- Estimated 1,928,465 Burglaries in 2013
- 8.6 % Decrease from 2012
- 59.2 % Forcible Entry
- 34.3 % Not Forced Entry
- 6.4 % Attempted Forcible Entry
- Overall Estimated Loss \$4.5 Billion
- Average Dollar Loss Per Burglary \$2,322.00

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**14 steps to protect your business
against burglary**

BURGLARY PREVENTION

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LAKE FOREST POLICE SERVICES

1. Doors

- Front doors should be clear, visible & free of signs or obstructions.
- Doors should be made of burglary resistant glass, steel, or solid core wood.
- Door should be equipped with “pick-resistant” dead bolts that require a key to open them from both sides.
- Doors should be part of the store’s burglary alarm system.
- Rear doors/ delivery doors should contain a “peephole”, door buzzer & barred.

2. Windows

- Windows should be clear, visible & free of signs or obstructions.
- They should be in good condition, framed in solid, tight, burglary-resistant glass.
- Windows should be included as part of your alarm system.
- If possible arrange your store so the cash register is visible from outside the store.
Reference Item 13
- All valuables should be removed from display windows when store is closed.

3. Store Location

- Business addresses should be on the front of the store in sizable letters or numbers.
- Emergency phone numbers should be placed at or near the front window.
- After hours emergency contact numbers should be provided to local police & updated each year or when changes are made.

4. Lighting

- Rear & exterior store lights should remain on during closing or at night.

5. Back Room Access

- Limit this area to authorized personnel only with signs or restrictive devices placed adjacent to this area.

6. Alarm System & Surveillance Equipment

- Should have security system, including surveillance equipment that has all possible points of entry covered.

7. Vents

- Both lower and rooftop vents should contain adequate metal bars or screens that will prevent a burglar’s entry

8. Landscaping

- Make sure that all shrubs, landscaping, trees, or other obstructions are trimmed away to ensure visibility.

9. Fences

- Fences should be offset from the building. Entrance to & from the fence should be restricted & padlocked during appropriate times.

10. Roof Entrance

- Both roof access or skylights should be adequately barred or screened to prevent burglars from gaining entry from the roof of the store.

11. Cage Merchandise

- All expensive or commonly stolen merchandise, such as liquor, cigarettes , etc., should be adequately caged to prevent easy access to the items by the burglar or unauthorized employees.

12. Computers

- Store computer should be anchored down.
- All of the company’s computer databases & programs should be securely locked up & back up copies should be kept in a different location (not the store premises).

13. Cash Register

- Cash register should be anchored down & left opened during closing house.
- All cash should be removed & deposited nightly.

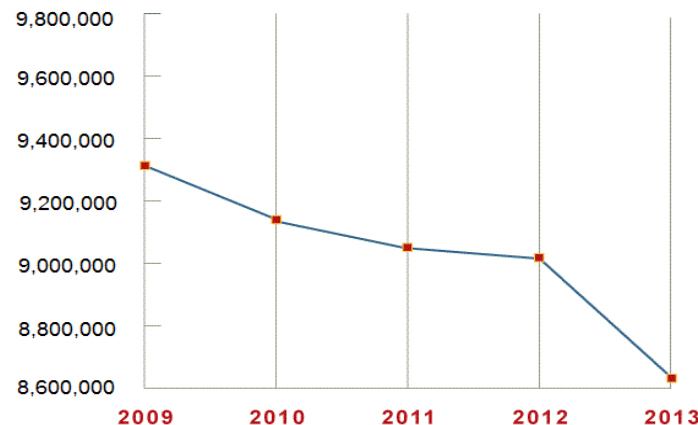
14. Office Equipment

- All office equipment should be anchored down.
- Serial numbers should be recorded & the company’s name marked on the equipment.

Property Crime Offense Figure

Five-Year Trend, 2009-2013

Estimated number of offenses



FBI: National Crime Statistics 2013: Five Year Crime Trend