

# PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM BURGLARS

Do you know what burglars look for when it comes to targeting specific properties? Prevent potential invaders from breaking into your building by learning what they look for, as well as what they avoid:

## How to Encourage Burglars:

Ensure that all trees bordering your building have branches ideal for climbing. This will help burglars easily enter through unlocked, upper-story windows.

The less locks you have, the less time it will take intruders to break and enter.

Block your first floor windows with blinds or curtains at night so that once a burglar breaks in, they can easily maneuver around without worrying about being seen.

Do not trim bushes or landscaping near your front entrance or first floor windows. These will provide shelter and a secret hiding place until the time is just right to break into your building.

Let your grass grow in. An overgrown lawn will imply that you are either absent from or apathetic regarding your property.

Leave your lobby unattended. Void of staff members, burglars will be able to stroll in without ever being noticed.

Let newspapers and mail pile up in your mailbox or at your front door. This will indicate whomever is in charge is away.

## How to Discourage Burglars:

Leave your hallway and lobby lights on at all times. Burglars do their best work in the dark, so this will make it difficult for them to sneak around your building.

Trim trees and tall bushes to eliminate both hiding spots and climbing branches that thieves can utilize to sneak into your building.

Install visible security cameras to deter thieves from even attempting to rob your property.

If your property permits, install a gate to add a significant layer of security. Maximize your efforts by staffing it with security personnel who will ID all residents and guests as they enter and exit.

Mow your lawn and tend to your garden/landscaping regularly so that potential intruders know your staff members are both present and attentive.

Hire 24/7 security and/or concierge staff to monitor your entranceway, which is the best step you can take when it comes to actively securing your property.

Install outdoor lighting around all areas of your property to shine a light on any suspicious activity.