







# SECURE YOUR HOME

## FOLLOW THESE BURGLARY PREVENTION TIPS FROM McGRUFF:

-  Always lock your doors and windows.
-  Invest in high security locks, solid entry doors, and laminated windows.
-  Install bright outdoor lighting with motion detection.
-  If you have an alarm system, use it. Post warning signs or window decals on your property.
-  Trim bushes and trees so burglars can't hide and so branches don't block lighting.
-  If you suspect an intruder is in your home, do not enter and call 911 immediately!

To learn more ways to secure your home, visit [ncpc.org](https://www.ncpc.org) or contact your local law enforcement agency.

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# PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY

## FOLLOW THESE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS FROM McGRUFF:

- ✓ When traveling, lock your vehicle at all times, especially when you stop at a gas station, rest area, or other public place.
- ✓ Keep your personal electronics — laptop, GPS system, MP3 player, camera, cell phone — out of sight or locked in the trunk of your vehicle.
- ✓ Keep a record of the serial numbers of all your valuable items.
- ✓ Don't carry large amounts of cash or flash expensive items.
- ✓ Carry only the personal information, cash, and credit cards you need, and keep them secure in your wallet or purse.
- ✓ If you discover that something has been stolen, report it to local law enforcement.

To learn more ways to prevent property theft, visit [ncpc.org](http://ncpc.org) or contact your local law enforcement agency.



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# BE WISE ABOUT SCAMS

## FOLLOW McGRUFF'S PREVENTION TIPS FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART:

- ✓ Be wary of strangers in your neighborhood offering services or asking for money.
- ✓ Be skeptical of bargain home repair offers — if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- ✓ Don't let yourself get pressured into signing a contract or giving a verbal agreement.
- ✓ Don't give personal information to people you don't know unless you initiated the contact.
- ✓ Get estimates, ask for references, and never pay for products or services in advance.
- ✓ If you suspect fraud from a door-to-door salesperson, get the driver's license plate number and call law enforcement immediately.

To learn more ways you can protect yourself, visit [ncpc.org](https://www.ncpc.org) or contact your local law enforcement agency.



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# HELP YOUR KIDS BE SAFE AT SCHOOL

## **FOLLOW THESE SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION TIPS FROM McGRUFF:**

-  **Talk to your children about the dangers of weapons at school.**
-  **Explain why it's important to tell an adult if they see a weapon or hear of a weapon or safety threat.**
-  **Know your child's friends and where they spend their time.**
-  **If your child has sudden mood or behavior changes, talk to a teacher or medical professional.**
-  **Be your child's role model of nonviolence.**
-  **Ask your child's school to adopt an anti-violence program.**

To learn more ways to help prevent school violence, visit [ncpc.org](http://ncpc.org) or contact your local law enforcement agency.



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# HELP KEEP YOUR SCHOOL SAFE

## FOLLOW THESE SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION TIPS FROM McGRUFF:

- ✎ Never bring a weapon to school.
- ✎ If you see or hear of a student with a weapon, report it to a trusted adult.
- ✎ If someone at school shows signs of anger, tell a parent or teacher.
- ✎ Tell someone in authority if you feel threatened, bullied, or witness a verbal or physical fight.
- ✎ Reach out to isolated and new students to help them feel at home in your school.

To learn more ways to help keep your school safe, visit [ncpc.org](http://ncpc.org) or contact your local law enforcement agency.

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# PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM INTERNET CRIME

## FOLLOW THESE CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FROM McGRUFF:

-  Instruct your child never to give out personal information online — such as her name, address, or school name — without your approval.
-  Teach your child about scams that appear as friendly emails or offers that are too good to be true.
-  Place your computer where you can see what your child is doing.
-  Install software that prevents access to inappropriate sites and chat rooms.
-  Teach your child what to do if he comes across inappropriate sites or receives emails or invitations from strangers.
-  Learn how your children are using the Internet by regularly checking frequented sites and monitoring how much time they spend online.

For more information on how to keep kids safe online, visit [ncpc.org](http://ncpc.org) or contact your local law enforcement agency.



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# PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND HOME FROM INTRUDERS

## FOLLOW THESE HOME INVASION PREVENTION TIPS FROM McGRUFF:

- 🏠 **Never open doors to strangers.**
- 🏠 **Secure your home with high-security locks and quality doors and window hardware.**
- 🏠 **Consider a home security system and even a dog.**
- 🏠 **Have an action plan for your family in case intruders enter.**

To learn more ways to keep your home safe, visit [ncpc.org](https://www.ncpc.org) or contact your local law enforcement agency.

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# AVOID CONS AND SCAMS

## FOLLOW THESE FRAUD PREVENTION TIPS FROM McGRUFF:



**Beware of credit card schemes, bogus investment opportunities, and free vacation offers. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.**



**Review carefully the written information about any offer before making any financial commitments.**



**Never give anyone your social security, credit card, or bank account number or any other personal information unless you initiated the conversation.**



**To learn about current scams, contact your local Better Business Bureau.**



**Sign up for the Do Not Call Registry, 888-382-1222, to deter telemarketers.**



**If you've been the victim of a scam or suspect fraud, report it to local law enforcement immediately.**

**To learn more ways to avoid cons and scams, visit [ncpc.org](http://ncpc.org) or contact your local law enforcement agency.**



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