

FRAUD ALERT!

From the Office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey

Protecting Your Home and Car from Burglars

With this summer's heat, police are reporting an increase in home and car burglaries due to open and unlocked windows, doors and garage doors.

Home Protection Tips:

- ✓ Keep doors, including the garage door, locked at all times - even when you are home or working in the yard.
- ✓ Install security doors with metal grillwork and key locks.
- ✓ Don't hide keys under the doormat or rocks.
- ✓ Secure sliding glass doors with anti-lift devices.
- ✓ Close and lock first floor windows at night and whenever you are gone.
- ✓ Keep the outside well-lit, including the garage and driveway with motion detector lights and automatic dusk-to-dawn timers.
- ✓ Use electric timers to turn on inside lights at night.
- ✓ Use visible burglar alarm, neighborhood watch, or beware of dog decals on first floor windows

Car Protection Tips:

- ✓ Lock your car – 50% of stolen cars are unlocked.
- ✓ Take your keys with you and never hide a second set of keys in the car.
- ✓ Park in well-lighted areas. If you have a garage, use it.
- ✓ Never leave the car running and unattended.
- ✓ Don't keep purses, checkbooks, briefcases, laptops, etc. in plain view.
- ✓ Carry your registration and insurance card in your wallet, not in the car – once they have your address, thieves can take your garage door opener (and even keys found in cars) and let themselves into your home.
- ✓ Consider investing in a car security alarm and/or anti-theft device.



**For assistance call the
Denver DA's Fraud Line: 720-913-9179
www.denverda.org**

CASE is a Partnership of the District Attorney and the community to Prevent Elder Financial Exploitation

July 2006

FRAUD ADVISORY

From the Office of Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey

Protecting Your Home and Car from Burglars

With this summer's heat, police are reporting an increase in home and car burglaries due to open and unlocked windows, doors and garage doors. The Denver District Attorney's Office advises to keep doors, including the garage door, locked at all times - even when you are home or working in the yard. Also close and lock first floor windows at night and whenever you are gone. To protect your car from theft and burglary, always lock your car, and don't keep purses, checkbooks, briefcases, laptops, etc. in plain view. The DA's Office also suggests carrying your registration and insurance card in your wallet rather than in the car - thieves steal garage door openers and keys from cars then use addresses on registrations to burglarize homes.

To read the full alert on *Protecting Your Home and Car from Burglars*, go to www.denverda.org and click on Consumer Alerts.
The DA's Fraud Line is 720-913-9179.