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From WR Community Assoc Safety and Security Awareness Committee
To WR Homeowners

In recent weeks it has been noted that there have been break-ins reported in WR or surrounding neighborhoods involving garages. The committee believes it useful to share this with our WR neighbors and offer some suggestions on ways to minimize the chance of such an event occurring.

- Ensure your garage door is closed each night when retiring.
- Lock out the opening system using the lock button on the pads usually near the door into the house.
- If the buttons used to open the garage(s) are built into the vehicle, locking out the opening system should be especially helpful.
- If cars are parked outside, ensure they are locked. If they have removable openers it is a good idea to bring them in. Ensure all car windows are up.
- Don't store valuables or keys in your vehicle, especially if parked outside.
- Consider using keychain opener remotes that you can take with you, rather than ones that attach to a visor.
- Lock the door into the living area at night and when out of town.
- Erase and reset the authorized codes to be recognized by your opener whenever you move in/out or if you lose an opener remote.
- Light your house/driveway to discourage prowlers.
- Let your neighbors know if you notice their garage door open at night.
- Let neighbors know if you will be out of town.
- If you notice suspicious activity alert police right away and notify the committee when convenient.
- Some more extensive steps to consider:
 - Lock your vehicle, even if parked in a garage.
 - Put motion lighting and a security camera in your garage. Smart garage door openers can do this.
 - Engage any locks attached to the garage door itself.
 - Consider installing a garage door guard to mitigate known vulnerabilities with garage doors.
 - Install lighting with motion sensors and/or smart cameras at the front of your house covering your driveway.
 - Consider installing a home security system

We hope you find these suggestions helpful. Let us know of any suggestions you have.

Regards,

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