

June is National Home Safety Month

- For more information, visit the National Safety Council website at <http://www.nsc.org>

FRIST A FEW COMMON SENSE HOME SECURITY REMINDERS:

- **Inform a trusted neighbor** or relative so that they can pick up your mail or park in your driveway to make it look like someone is home.
- **Deadbolt locks** are inexpensive and can be found at your local hardware store for around \$20. Secure your doors effectively.
- **Update your locks. Did you update your locks when you moved to your home?** Chances are someone may have the keys.

BASIC ELECTRONIC TOOLS

- **Appliance timers** are helpful when you want to make it seem like someone is home. You can find timers at your local hardware store for under \$12. They plug into your lamp or radio and turn on at your pre-assigned times. They can fool thieves into thinking that your home is occupied.
- **Motion activated lights** can scare away potential burglars and alert you if anyone is on your property. They cost from \$20 up to about \$90 and are easy to install. If you're worried about clunky looking lights, look at motion lights from Hampton Bay, who offers stylish motion activated lights for any home.

COOL NEW HIGH TECH SOLUTIONS:

- **Black & Decker has a new line of electronic locks**
 - You can lock or unlock your doors with a smart-phone or remote control
 - You can monitor you doors from your Phone or any Internet-accessible computer
 - See: <http://www.bdghi.com/AccessControl/ISCWestProductRelease032609.pdf>
- **There's a new crop of do-it-yourself home video security products available today**
 - I've been testing one called Defenders SENTINEL11 for an upcoming product review
 - It combines a 15 inch flat panel monitor, video cameras and digital video recording capabilities
 - And you can use the Internet or your smart phone to allow you to see what is happening live at your home at all times using Internet Explorer browser. Or to view recorded video.
 - Available 15 June 2009
 - Do-it-yourself install
 - No monthly fees
 - Pricing \$799
 - For more see (www.defender-usa.com)