

Did You Know...

Month after month statistics prove 50% of all our residential burglaries occur in the garage where the owner has carelessly left the garage door open. Most people lose items such as lawn equipment, golf clubs, garage door openers (*which are technically keys to your house*), hand tools, power tools, fishing gear, items left in your car (*cell phones, purses, briefcases, change, firearms, etc*). The value of these items can easily reach thousands of dollars, and that's the good news! The bad news is the would-be burglars can just as easily push the garage door button on the wall and lower your garage door while they are still inside, and then open the door between the house and the garage (*you know, the one you never locked*) and enter your house while you're still inside!! Don't forget, your garage has two exterior doors. **1)** The big door that is operated by your garage door opener. **2)** The door between your house and the garage. Both doors should be kept closed and locked. Look at it this way...if you leave either of these doors unlocked and open, go ahead and leave your front door unlocked and open as well, there is no difference!

Garage Door Tips

- ☑ Keep closed at all times.
- ☑ Cover garage door windows to prevent burglar from looking in.
- ☑ If on vacation, place a padlock through the track.
- ☑ Remove knobs or rings from safety latch of automatic garage door openers.
- ☑ Remove garage door opener from vehicle.
- ☑ Add exterior security lighting.
- ☑ Keep bushes and shrubs trimmed.



The Plano Police Department offers a complete Home Security Assessment in which an officer looks at your house "through the eyes of a burglar" and offers tips on how to make it more difficult for someone to enter unlawfully. It takes about an hour and it's free. Call the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-941-2431 for more details!



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A vertical advertisement for garage doors. The background is green. At the top, there is a line drawing of a house with a garage. Below the house, the word "GARAGE" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a drop shadow. Underneath "GARAGE", the word "Doors" is written in a smaller, red, italicized serif font. Below this, there is a line drawing of a garage door. At the bottom of the graphic, the words "KEEP THEM CLOSED" are written in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters. "KEEP THEM" is in red, and "CLOSED" is in white with a drop shadow. At the bottom right of the graphic is a small shield-shaped logo with the word "POLICE" at the top, a star in the center, and "PLANO TEXAS" at the bottom. Below the logo, the text "Plano Police Department", "Crime Prevention Unit", "P.O. Box 860358", and "Plano, TX 75086-0358" is written in white.

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