



Protect Yourself Against Crime!

Several times each year, a tenant in Iowa City becomes the victim of a burglary. Sometimes the stolen items are returned and the perpetrator caught, but this is not always the case. It is important to follow these steps to defend against such burglaries:

- ALWAYS lock your doors whenever you leave your room or apartment, even if you will only be gone for a moment.
- Close your shades at night so no one can see in your room.
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight, it is best to place them in a small or personal safe.
- Do not leave guests unattended in your room and do not admit unknown people into your home.
- Create an inventory of your belongings listing the item and serial number. Take photos of your valuables. Keep this list and photos in a safe location. This will help assist the police in recovering your items if they are stolen.
- Buy renter's insurance to cover your belongings should they be stolen.

If you see suspicious activity, call the police and report it! If you feel it is an emergency, call 911, otherwise call the police department at 319-356-5275.