

While At Home

While in their home, there are measures one can take to reduce the opportunity of becoming a victim of a sexual assault. The recommendations listed below are not all inclusive and are not to be construed as a guarantee that an assault will not take place.

- Make sure all locking devices on windows and doors in your home can be locked securely, particularly sliding glass doors. Use the locks.
- Keep entrances well-lighted.
- Install a peephole in the door and always look through it when someone knocks.
- Check the identification of a sales or service person before letting them in. Also, note whether or not they have on a company uniform. If in any doubt, do not open the door to them.
- Don't let any stranger into your home when you're alone - no matter what the reason or how dire the emergency is supposed to be. Offer to make an emergency phone call while they wait outside.
- Get to know your neighbors - someone you can turn to if you need help.
- If you come home alone and find a door or window open or signs of forced entry, DO NOT GO IN. Go to the nearest phone and call the police.