

Humor Spotlight



On the school playground the pre-schooler was swinging really high—as high as he possibly could. He called out, “Don’t these swings come with airbags?!”

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The little girl was telling her nursery school supervisor the ages of everyone in her family. “My brother is 1, my sister is 4, Mom is 29, and Dad...Dad is just really old!”

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The little boy was asked how he liked his first airplane ride. “It was fun,” he said. “But, the clouds were all upside down!”

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When her mother bemoaned the fact that she was getting more and more gray hair, the little girl said, “Don’t worry, Mom. Lots of old ladies wear their hair gray!”

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Asked what his mother’s name was, the little boy, thought and then said “Daddy calls her darling!”

SECURITY BASICS

Yes... You Should Lock Up the Barn After the Cow Has Been Stolen!

Sure it is important to secure your facilities before you are burglarized. This reduces or even prevents the chance of a break-in, but statistics show that if you do experience a loss, your odds of being hit again are actually higher than before!

There two main factors behind this loss phenomenon. One is the way people typically react to a break-in and the second is the way the criminal’s mind functions.

The Criminal's Reaction

In the wild, when a predator finds an easy meal, they will often return to the same area looking for another target. Burglars are like predators and they often return to their crime locations with the expectation of another easy hit. Burglars also know that stolen items will be replaced by newer, often more expensive replacement items. This provides additional motivation to return.

The Victim's Reaction

The most common thing for a victim to do after a break-in is to repair the damage caused by the forced entry or to rekey the locks if no forced entry was detected. The problem with this scenario is that this does not necessarily address the security problem that allowed the burglar to gain entry in the first place.

How to “Lock Up the Barn”

Æ Security Hardware

If access was gained by forced entry, you must review all possible points of access and determine if each will sufficiently resist another break-in attempt. Deadbolts and latch guards should be installed along with outside lighting and a monitored alarm system. Upgrading the security on just the door

or window that was originally accessed will just motivate the burglar to attempt to access another point of entry.

- **Key Control**

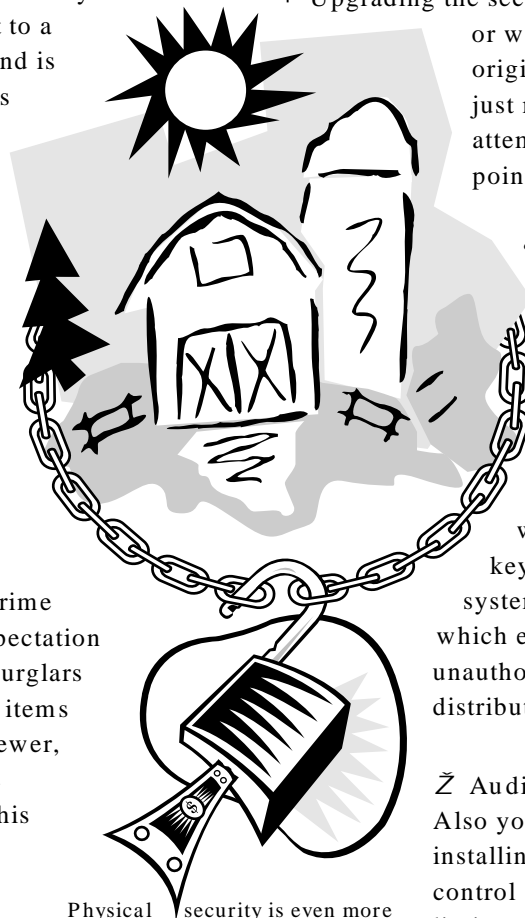
If access was gained with a key or by picking (these show no signs of forced entry) you must upgrade your keying system with hardware which will provide real key control. A locking system should be installed which eliminates unauthorized keys from being distributed.

- **Ž Audit Trail Access Control**

Also you should consider installing an electronic access control system which would limit authorized access to specific times and provide an audit trail of who is coming

and going from the facility.

With the proper security devices in place, if a burglar returns, their next break-in attempt will be unsuccessful and they will usually never return. For more information on security basics, please contact our office.



Physical security is even more important after a break-in or burglary has occurred.