Safety Tips Inside Your Building

1. Stay alert in areas such as the garage, laundry room, elevators, stairwells and hallways

2. Shared areas should be well-lit and painted in white or a light color

3. While in the elevator, stand close to the control panel. If accosted, press the buttons of all floors

4. Ensure your mailbox is secure to prevent identity theft: list only your first initial and last name

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Whether you live in a single family home, condo, or a large apartment complex in San Francisco, there are a number of ways you can keep your residence safe and secure. Working together as a community with your neighbors and building management can significantly improve your residential safety.

7 Residential Safety Tips

1. **Garage**: When entering or leaving the garage, watch to ensure door shuts completely. Lock stored bikes to a sturdy rack.

2. **Car**: Always lock your vehicle when parked in your garage and remove all valuables. Never leave garage door opener in your vehicle when parked outside your home.

3. **Spare Key**: Never hide spare keys. If you need to have a spare key available, leave it with a trusted neighbor.

4. **Door Buzzer**: When a visitor rings your bell, confirm who it is by intercom before you grant them access. Similarly, never let strangers follow you through the front door.

5. **Security Cameras & Alarm Systems**: Cost effective tools for preventing crime and identifying criminals.

6. **Light Timers**: Installing timers on the exterior of your residence is an effective and energy efficient way to deter criminal activity.

7. **Doors/Windows**: Always keep doors and windows locked.

Keep property in good repair. Maintain visibility to your neighbors for increased safety.

**Door and Window Safety**

**Doors**:
- Should be made of solid wood or metal
- Have a single cylinder deadbolt lock and a 1-inch bolt
- Have a front door viewer or peep hole with a 180-degree range
- Clearly display unit number

**Windows**:
- Replace if glass is cracked and replace all damaged or missing locks
- Ground level windows should be burglary resistant: consider purchasing windows with reinforcement wire, laminate, or tempered glass
- Polycarbonate plastic or metal grates can be installed over existing ground level windows
- Windows above ground level are not considered secure: if used for ventilation, lock in position and keep open no more than 3 inches

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