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STATEWIDE SECURITY

# NEWSLETTER

## GONE ARE THE DAYS OF LEAVING YOUR DOOR UNLOCKED

There are some interesting trends that we have been seeing over the past year. Often, when we see activity it takes six months to a year to know that something is either a one time event or a trend.

Initially we were seeing and reading about increases in home invasion robberies where the intruders entered while the occupants were at home. These intrusions have continued. Most have been daytime entries with a smaller percentage in the evenings or at night. Not all have been doorbell ringers, although most have and a smaller percentage have been entries by door kicking or coming through opened doors at the rear of the residences.

The lesson here is that we are not safer in the daytime as most people suppose. Bad guys will walk into your home anytime of the day or night if you make it easy to get in. Do you ask who someone is and recognize them before you open the door? If not, don't be embarrassed to speak to them through your locked door and don't open the door until you are comfortable you want them inside your home. If your front door has glass on the side, then call us about installing an intercom where you can talk to visitors to your home where you cannot

be seen.

During a meeting with a city official, we were informed that Seattle is experiencing a large increase in gang activity. 12 to 16 year olds make up these groups who will attack anyone from a frail older woman to robust men. These violent attacks result in injury to all the victims and about half the time the victims are robbed. Gangs encourage these younger members to commit crimes because they receive so little incarceration time. These attacks are geographically spread all over the city and have generally been on city streets and city parks. At a recent business meeting, one of our clients related that a relative had been attacked while walking through a city park in the early evening.

Copper tubing and pipe thefts are on the rise. Nationally, air conditioning units are having their internal heat exchange systems stolen and copper pipes are being cut out of residences with crawl spaces while the owners are away. Aluminum and steel are also being stolen, but copper is giving the highest return from the recycling centers.

The methamphetamine epidemic is growing, spiking burglary and rob-

bery rates. These folks are very bold so we recommend that you have your perimeter alarm on any time you are home, even in the daytime.

Have you bought a safe yet? If not, how are you keeping your cancelled checks, your prior tax returns, credit card statements and other types of personal identification hidden from prying eyes? Child and pet sitters often have unrestricted access to your homes while you are gone. If you do not have a safe, call us and we'll help you get the correct one for your budget and needs.

Our services include:

I/P and analog cameras, night vision cameras (thermal and infrared), access control with credential and biometric entry devices, gate automation, intrusion and fire detection and outdoor motion detection systems.

Be safe,

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Our office hours are 8:00AM to 5:00PM Pacific Time, closed from 12 - 1 pm for lunch, Monday through Friday excluding major holidays. When calling after-hours or by chance you arrive at voice mail, our 24 hour on duty staff member will return your call promptly. We believe that each and every customer is important to us.



## Fall 2006 Alarm System Maintenance Special

When was the last time you had us out to look over your home or business? Have you added onto your home or business, do all of your sensors and smoke detectors work? When was the last time you did a system test?

Take advantage of our *alarm system maintenance special*.

### Did you know?

- 1. Your back up batteries are only good from 3-5 years and sometimes less if they have gone through any power outages of 5 hours or longer.
- 2. Your smoke detectors need to be cleaned and tested periodically.
- 3. The Code requires residential cleaning and inspection by a qualified technician every three years.
- 4. Commercial fire service must be done annually.
- 5. Will your system work properly when you are on vacation this year?

Offer good for the Greater Seattle area. Alarm panels with over 50 alarm points are slightly more.\*

### Our Offer.....

- 1. We will test all devices; door and window contacts, motion detectors, glass break detectors, etc.
- 2. Clean and test smoke detectors.
- 3. Your first alarm panel back up battery is FREE, included as part of our service.
- 4. We'll update your emergency call list, add and delete system codes and advise you of any correction that need to be made to your system.

**Call the office to schedule your service before the rush!**

Ask for Vanessa, 425-558-4640

\*\* Let us know if you need more window stickers, yard sign, or magnetic cards for your refrigerator\*\*

