

Warm Weather Safety Tips - Property

- The vast majority of burglaries occur at residences where a door or window has been left unsecured. Keep your doors and windows locked at all times, especially when you are alone, sleeping, or when the apartment is unoccupied (even if only for a few moments)! If you open the windows for fresh air, be sure to use a bar or other locking system to prevent windows from being opened any further than a few inches. **All ground floor windows should be closed completely and locked whenever you are away from home.**
- Lock sliding doors, and place a wooden or metal bar in the track of the doors. Be sure all doors are locked, preferably with a deadbolt lock.
- Be sure all outdoor lighting fixtures are in working condition. Motion lighting may deter potential burglars.
- Do not hide spare keys in places outside.
- Be sure bushes are trimmed back and do not allow potential burglars to hide themselves near your home. Consider planting thorny bushes near windows.
- Make sure your car is always locked, even in your own driveway. Do not keep any valuables in your vehicle. If you must leave items temporarily, be sure they are placed out of view or in the trunk. If you have a garage, use it and lock the door.

For more information, please visit the Burlington Police Department's website: **www.bpdvt.org**. This site has links to multiple safety resources as well as the Off-Campus Living Survival Guide which contains detailed safety tips for personal safety, keeping your property safe and much more.