

10 Things Your Burglar Won't Tell You

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The incidences of burglary are up in many suburbs of the Twin Cities. Think about your home from a burglar's perspective. Here are 10 things your burglar won't tell you.

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new dryer.
2. Sometimes I carry a clipboard. Or I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.
3. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. If you don't answer when I knock, I'll try the door. Sometimes I hit the jackpot and walk right in.
4. Think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
5. I almost never go into kids' rooms.
6. Two things I hate most: noisy dogs and nosy neighbors.
7. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.
8. Why pay for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it? Not that I'm complaining.
9. I look in your windows for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.
10. Announce your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

And one more: Please don't contact WEBCO for a security system! I hate it when the police show up.

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