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BERNALILLO COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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**HOME PREPAREDNESS**

**HOME SAFETY**

All doors leading to the outside of your home should have deadbolt locks.

When away at night, leave an outside light burning.

Do not leave a key over a door or under a mat.

The single lock on a garage door is inadequate to keep intruders from prying up the opposite side and crawling in. Use a padlock, but never leave it unlocked. This is an invitation to have the padlock removed so that a key can be made, and the lock is returned to its position. Later, the burglar returns when no one is home and enters at his leisure, using "his" key.

Mark your valuables and keep an accurate record of all valuable possessions.

When leaving on a trip: stop all deliveries, connect a light to a timer, notify the police and have a neighbor check your home periodically, and have someone maintain your lawn.

Be a concerned neighbor. If you see a suspicious person, car or situation, contact the police.

**SAFETY AT YOUR FRONT DOOR**

Never automatically open your front door.

Make sure you know your caller's identity before admitting him.

If the person at your door is a stranger, ask for identification to be passed under the door. If he is unable to do this, do not let him in.

It is advisable to have a wide-angle viewer (peephole) in the door so that you can check a person's identity without unlocking your door.

**SAFETY FOR THE APARTMENT DWELLER**

If you live in an apartment building with an intercom system, make sure the landlord keeps the system in operating order.

Never admit anyone unless you are expecting him or know him.

Never admit anyone to the building who is there to see another tenant or to deliver something to another apartment.

Anyone asking admission so they he can do some work for another tenant should not be admitted, but should be referred to the building manager.

If you see someone in your building who looks out of place or is acting suspiciously, contact the police.