

# **HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY TIPS**

## **HOME SECURITY**

- Always keep your doors and windows locked. Install dead bolt locks on all doors.
- Keep your home well lit at night, inside and out, and keep curtains closed at night. Have good lighting at all entrances. Use automatic timers to turn on lights on and off.
- Add locks to sliding glass doors and windows to prevent lifting or sliding.
- Install a peephole viewer in your front door. Do not automatically open your door to strangers.
- Insist on identification from repair people, sales people or other strangers. Don't let a stranger come into your house to make a phone call.
- Stop mail, newspapers and other deliveries when you are going away. Don't leave notes on your door when you're gone. Make sure your home looks and sounds occupied.
- Never give out information over the phone indicating you are alone or that you won't be home at a certain time.
- Do not hide spare keys. Give keys to a trusted neighbor instead.
- Identify your belongings.
- Have your locks re-keyed every time you move into a new house or apartment.
- If you live in an apartment, be attentive and careful if you are alone in the laundry room or garage, especially late at night.
- If you come home and find a door or window open, or signs of forced entry, do not enter, instead call the police for assistance from outside the home.
- Know your neighbors and work out a mutual watch and warning system to prevent burglaries or break-ins.