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## **Residential Burglaries**

What is the common element in nearly half of all completed residential burglaries?

Thieves simply breezed in through unlocked doors or crawled through unlocked windows.

### ***CRIME PREVENTION TIPS***

- Make sure every external door has a sturdy, well-installed dead bolt lock.
- Sliding glass doors can offer easy access if they are not properly secured. Secure them by installing commercially available locks or by putting a broomstick or dowel in the inside track to jam the door.
- Lock double-hung windows or "pin" windows by drilling a small hole into a 45 degree angle.
- Do not hide keys. Give one to a trusted neighbor.
- When you move into a house or apartment, re-key the locks.