



BINGHAMTON POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION UNIT



SAFETY TIPS “HOME SAFETY”

- **When moving into a new home or apartment make sure the locks are replaced or rekeyed. It is recommended that a 1" deadbolt lock us used. It is also recommended that if there is no door viewer to have one put in. "DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR UNLESS YOU KNOW WHO IS THERE."**
- **Keep doors locked at all times.**
- **Never open the door after a knock. Require the person to give their name. In the case of service persons ask for proper I.D. and refuse entrance if you feel uneasy.**
- **If you feel threatened yell or scream to attract attention.**
- **Never admit you are alone.**
- **If you are living alone use only you Last Name and First Initial on your mail box. You may also want to make a name up and put it on your mailbox to give the appearance of a roommate.**
- **All entrances and garages should be well-lit.**
- **Keep one light on inside the house at night.**
- **Hang up on any obscene phone calls.**

For more information, or to set up a safety talk,
contact the Binghamton Police Department's Crime Prevention
Unit at (607) 772-7093.