

Tips for Safety in the Old Las Palmas Neighborhood

Keys and Locks ...

- Re-key your door locks.
- If you're in the habit of 'hiding' keys, change the hiding place frequently! Better yet, install a keypad lock and change the entry code frequently.
- Make a list of the people/vendors who have keys to your residence, and update it regularly.
- Keep a running count of the number of keys you've made.
- Consider having a service key for your service door.
- Use a reputable locksmith.
- Keep your garage door and your gates locked.
- Don't leave your house keys with the keys you give to a valet parker. Do not leave keys in automobiles.
- Do not leave keys out when you're at home.
- If you've had work done in your home, consider re-keying your doors when the work is completed.
- Install a high-quality alarm system and use an alarm service known to be reputable.

Alarm Systems and Alarm Services ...

- USE your alarm system.
- TEST your alarm system.
- Change alarm batteries quarterly.
- Check your alarm service 'call list' for accuracy. Update as needed.
- Remove alarm stickers from your property if they do not reflect who your current provider is.
- Change your alarm code two times a year.
- Assign separate alarm codes for service people. Hire Maxwell Security and educate them on your patterns.

Practical Advice ...

- Notify your neighbors about your patterns and absences.
- Put some of your indoor lights on timers.
- Put your outside lights on timers.
- A TV or stereo on a timer inside your home can be a good tactic.
- Report unusual activity or suspicious characters in the neighborhood.
- Have the post office hold your mail when you are away for 3-30 days; do it online at www.usps.com