

# Apartment Safety

- Over one in four burglaries occurs while someone is home.<sup>1</sup>
- Sixty-two percent of burglaries occur during the daytime between 9am and 3pm.
- Thirty percent of burglaries are considered “unlawful entry,” meaning the burglar gained access without using force—usually through an unlocked window or door.

## Lock your door behind you and use the deadbolt.

- Don't leave windows open.
- Install quality locks on doors and windows.
- Don't hide spare keys outside your apartment.
- Beware of solicitors. Door-to-door salespeople have a business license or permit issued by the city, so always ask to see it for verification.
- Never give a key to a maintenance person or worker.
- Landlords and property managers are required to notify you of routine maintenance (e.g., changing air filters, checking fire alarms).
- Make sure either you are home or someone from the office is present for any maintenance work to your unit.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics: Special Report. (2010). *National Crime Victimization Survey: Victimization During Household Burglary*. <http://bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/vdhb.pdf>.



Copyright © 2014 National Crime Prevention Council,  
2001 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 901, Arlington, VA 22202  
[www.ncpc.org/smarter](http://www.ncpc.org/smarter)



This project was supported by Cooperative Agreement No. 2010-DJ-BX-K001 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the SMART Office, and the Office for Victims of Crime. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice.



**smarter.**  
LIVING SAFER. BEING SMARTER.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

Police Station: \_\_\_\_\_

Fire Hall: \_\_\_\_\_

Ambulance: \_\_\_\_\_

Leasing Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Maintenance: \_\_\_\_\_

## APARTMENT ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_

Complex

\_\_\_\_\_

Street, Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP