

EVERY EIGHT SECONDS

Too many Americans consider burglary to be "just a part of life" and feel that there is nothing that they as individuals can do about its existence.

Homes and apartments in the United States are struck by burglars on the average of every eight seconds, but chances are the burglar was attracted to these homes by what law enforcement officers term "targets of opportunity." Studies show that when the opportunities are removed through proper home security and involvement in crime watch programs, burglary rates drop dramatically.

EVERY EIGHT SECONDS exposes these "targets of opportunity" so that citizens of the Commonwealth can gain awareness and take the necessary protective action not only in their homes but also in their day to day lives.



EVERY EIGHT SECONDS examines:

- The myths associated with burglary
- The vulnerable points of entry into a home
- The most effective means to eliminate easy entry
- The common sense precautions one should take on a daily basis

EVERY EIGHT SECONDS doesn't stop there. It moves beyond the basics and into the mind of the burglar. In an interview between a convicted burglar now serving time for over four hundred burglaries and a law enforcement officer, the do's and don'ts of burglary are examined in detail from a burglar's perspective, making **EVERY EIGHT SECONDS** one of a kind.

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Suggested Uses:

To dispel myths and other beliefs that have long sustained hopeless attitudes towards burglaries and the criminals who commit them. To create an atmosphere for problem-solving solutions to crime.

Recommended For:

Community and corporate drug prevention and rehabilitation programs. Substance abuse prevention programs and health classes, in schools, colleges, and universities.
4-H youth programs.

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CONCLUSION

EVERY EIGHT SECONDS is designed to get people thinking about solutions to crime in the Commonwealth. The Community Resource Development (CRD) Program of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service is pleased to make available the presentation as a part of its crime preventing efforts.

Detailed questions concerning any form of crime prevention should be directed to your local police or sheriff's department. Consult your local Extension office for additional crime prevention resources made available by the CRD program.



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