

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.**

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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**