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consider motion sensors that turn on lights when there is activity. Bright lights and good illumination make criminals think twice about approaching because they don't wish to be seen. Use timers on several household indoor lights to give the appearance that someone is home.

Examine your landscaping

Trim bushes and other plants that hide doors or windows or block your security lights. This eliminates hiding places for would-be burglars and adds another level of protection.

Keep your vehicles locked when they're not being used. Never leave keys in the vehicle or equipment. When you store valuables in your vehicle (such as computers, small electronic devices, tools and purses), keep those items out of sight. Don't give burglars a reason to break into your vehicle.

Assess your vulnerability and identify the possible threat for burglary to better understand your risk. These basic suggestions will assist you in making your acreage secure and less likely to be targeted by burglars. Depending

on your level of concern or knowledge about recent burglaries in your area, consider more extensive options such as a barking dog, an acreage watch group and high tech electronic alarm systems.

Additional information:

- <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/05cius/index.html>
- <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/commis/ucr/2007/iacrime.shtml>
- <http://www.ncpc.org/>
- <http://www.usaonwatch.org/>
- http://www.diynetwork.com/diy/shows_dir/episode/0,2046,DIY_14297_25637,00.html



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<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/answers>

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