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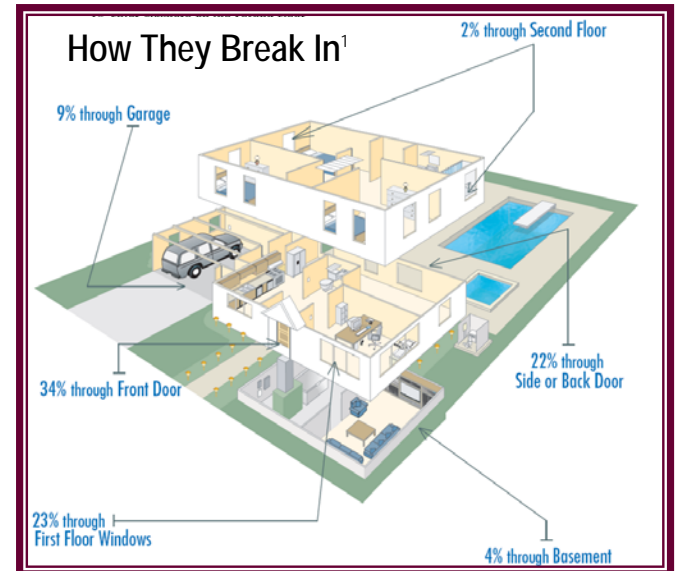
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Crime Ring Continues to Target the Affluent *Safeguarding Your Home from Burglary*

A recent rash of burglaries has targeted affluent areas of Los Angeles. They were committed by a group of professional burglars who appear to have carefully researched their targets before striking. Be vigilant! Crimes of this sort can happen in affluent communities everywhere.

AIG Private Client Group's claims experience shows that several losses could have been prevented had the alarm system been activated. Here's just one example:

A housekeeper arrived at a policyholder's home and discovered broken windows in the kitchen and master bedroom closet. An intruder had stolen over \$500,000 in jewelry. It was later discovered that the owner did not activate the security system when he left earlier that day.



You Can Lessen the Chance of Theft

If you haven't already done so, consult a reputable security company to customize a burglar/surveillance system that can address your specific vulnerabilities. In addition, take the following measures to help safeguard your home from break-ins:

- *Always* activate your alarm system — even if you're only leaving home for a short period of time.
- Install infrared motion detectors at points of entry, accessible second story windows and in the *master bedroom closet*.
- Add alarm sensors to your master closet door for an additional layer of protection.
- Install a safe that bolts or fastens into the structure of your home, so it cannot be removed.
- Monitor household traffic: provide different access codes to family members vs. domestic staff.
- Alert your neighbor, a relative or a trusted friend when you leave town and ask them to watch your home.
- Light your property sufficiently, including areas that may not get a lot of foot traffic.
- Remove ladders, lawn furniture or items that can be used by thieves to gain access to your upper floors or roof.
- Keep copies of appraisals and photos of valuable items at a secure location outside of the home, such as a safe deposit box.

We're Here When You Need Us

AIG Private Client Group's risk management professionals are dedicated to protecting what you value most. Talk to your independent insurance broker if you'd like assistance with keeping jewelry and fine collectibles safe, or to schedule personal security consultation. In the unfortunate event that you are the victim of a break-in, expect unprecedented support, flexibility and choice from our Concierge-level Claims Service®.

¹ *Practical Ways To Burglar Proof Your Home,*
www.burglaryprevention.org