

## What is considered a burglary...

Burglary is defined as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. The use of force to gain entry is not required to classify an offense as a burglary. Burglary is categorized into three sub classifications: forcible entry, unlawful entry where no force is used, and attempted forcible entry.

*Source: FBI Uniform Crime Report 2005*

## Burglary Facts and Statistics...

- Property crime makes up slightly more than three-quarters of all crime in the United States
- In 2005, law enforcement agencies reported an estimated 2,154,126 burglary offenses—a 0.5-percent increase compared with 2004 data.
- An examination of 5- and 10-year trends revealed a 1.8-percent increase in the number of burglaries compared with the 2001 estimate, and a 14.1-percent decline from the 1996 number.
- Burglary accounted for 21.2 percent of the estimated number of property crimes committed in 2005. The average dollar loss per burglary offense in 2005 was \$1,725.
- Of all burglary offenses in 2005, 65.8 percent were of residential structures.
- Most (62.4 percent) of residential burglaries in 2005 for which time of occurrence was known took place during the day, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Among burglaries of nonresidential structures when time of occurrence was known, 58.0 percent occurred at night.
- A burglary takes place in the U.S. every 14.6 seconds according to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program Crime Clock.
- According to the FBI Preliminary Semiannual Uniform Crime Report, January-June, 2006, “burglary offenses showed an increase, up 1.2 percent from the 2005 level.”
- Overall, in about 84% of all burglaries, the offender gained entry into the victim’s residence or other building on the property.

*Source: Crime in the United States 2005 Department of Justice — Federal Bureau of Investigation Release Date: September 2006*

*Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/)*

## Where Do Burglars Enter a Home ???

One survey in Pennsylvania showed that 81 percent of residential intrusions occur through the first floor.

34 percent of burglars entered through the front door;

23 percent through a first-floor window;

22 percent through the back door;

9 percent through the garage;  
4 percent entered through a basement;  
4 percent through an unlocked entrance;  
2 percent through a storage area;

and only 2 percent entered anywhere on the second floor.

A study in Connecticut showed that 12 percent of burglaries occurred through an UNLOCKED door and that in 41 percent of alarmed homes that were burglarized; the security system was not turned on.