**Make Your Home Secure**

**Teaching Guide**

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**Introduction to problem:**

According to the FBI, in 2019, there were 1,117,696 burglaries in the U.S. Burglary is defined as “unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft” (Federal Bureau of Investigation, n.d.). Take a good look around your home and improve security. Learn simple ways to make your home secure.

**Program objectives:**

After completing the program, participants should understand:

* Connection between the home environment and health, welfare, and safety
* Simple low and no-cost actions that families can take to secure home and improve health, welfare, and safety

**Program materials:**

* For FCS Educators:
  + Teaching Guide
  + PowerPoint (full program)
* For OHCE members:
  + 15-minute leader lesson

Sources include AARP, the Department of Justice, and Consumer Reports (AARP, April/May 2016; Department of Justice, 2021; Feinstein, 2014).

**Suggested activities:**

* This program is meant to be collaborative. Encourage participants to discuss the safety tips provided.

**Preparation**:

* Review the lesson well

**Contact:**

* Contact Gina Peek with any questions (gina.peek@okstate.edu)

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