

# “What to Do in Case” Series

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*Greensboro Police Department*

Your house is broken into while you are at home:

- If you are asleep in bed, get up immediately and check on family members if safe to do so. Lock or barricade the access door. If your burglar alarm is triggered, expect a call from the security company and speak clearly to the representative. If you do not have a residential alarm installed, call 9-1-1.
- Let the dispatcher know your location inside the residence and stay on the line so the dispatcher can hear what is occurring.
- Arm yourself with something and be prepared to use it if the intruder enters. You have the right to protect yourself and others inside your residence, but refrain from using deadly force if possible.
- Once the police have arrived, have them check the attic/loft and basement/crawl areas.

