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- 🔒 If your door is equipped with a safety chain, have it latched before opening the door to someone you do not know. But remember the safety chain is very weak security.
- 🔒 Parking lots, stairways and hallways should be well lighted. Notify the manager or maintenance personnel of any problems and have burned out bulbs replaced immediately.

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- 🔊 Never allow service people into your apartment without an appointment. If you did not schedule the service work, contact your apartment manager or the service company for verification.
- 🔊 Have your neighbors or friends watch your apartment when you are gone for extended periods of time.
- 🔊 Stop the delivery of newspapers and have your mail held at the Post Office when you will be away for extended periods of time.
- 🔊 Inexpensive timers set to turn your light on and off at different times can give the appearance that your apartment is occupied.

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