



In case of a **burglary**



1. Do Not Enter!
2. **Call (305) 4-POLICE
(305) 476-5423**
3. Do Not Touch Anything

Miami-Dade Police Department

District Stations

The responsible General Investigations Unit for your neighborhood may be contacted at one of the following locations:

Northwest Station *District 1*

5975 Miami Lakes Drive
(305) 698-1500

Northside Station *District 2*

2950 NW 83 Street
(305) 836-8601

Midwest Station *District 3*

9101 NW 25 Street
(305) 471-2800

South District Station *District 4*

10800 SW 211 Street
(305) 378-4300

Kendall Station *District 5*

7707 SW 117 Avenue
(305) 279-6929

Intracoastal Station *District 6*

15665 Biscayne Boulevard
(305) 940-9980

Airport Station *District 7*

Miami Int'l Airport
(305) 876-7373

Hammocks Station *District 8*

10000 SW 142 Avenue
(305) 383-6800

Town of Miami Lakes

15700 NW 67 Avenues
(305) 364-6100

Village of Palmetto Bay

8950 SW 152 Street
(305) 259-1270

Town of Cutler Bay

10720 Caribbean Blvd.
(305) 234-4237

What to do in case of a **Residential Burglary**



Miami-Dade Police Department



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Upon discovering a break-in to your home...

The Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) is committed to serving the Citizens of Miami-Dade County by providing the best possible police services.

Crime prevention is a big part of that service; however, in large metropolitan areas such as South Florida, residential burglaries are sometimes a reality. This brochure is designed to assist you should you find yourself a victim of this crime.

Burglary is generally a crime against property and is described by Florida State Law as:

Statute 810.02 *“Entering a dwelling, a structure, or a conveyance (car/boat/plane) with the intent to commit an offense therein, unless the premises are at the time open to the public or the defendant is licensed or invited to enter.” The theft and/or destruction of your property would be considered “an offense therein,” thus the crime of Burglary has been committed.*

1. If you believe that someone may still be on the premises: **DO NOT ENTER!**

Leave the area and call police - **Dial 911**

2. Tell the complaint officer:

- What happened.
- The location address.
- Any description of persons or vehicles you may have seen.
- Your current location.
- Wait for police response in a secure environment and do not attempt to apprehend anyone you may suspect in your case.

3. If you have entered the premises prior to police response and no one is there:

- Do not touch anything that was disturbed, broken, or relocated, as this may be evidence the police can use.

**Call the Police
(305) 4-POLICE
(305-476-5423)**

**Miami-Dade Police & Fire Departments
non-emergency number**

- Provide the information requested and wait for police response.
- While waiting, take a visual inventory of what may be missing, but do not touch anything. Items left out in inclement weather may lose their evidentiary value, so carefully secure them inside.

Police Response

- Items that appear to have bodily fluid stains, including blood, sweat, or saliva (liquid, dried, gel-like) may be processed for DNA. This includes any items left behind by the burglar (gloves, hats/caps, clothing, etc.). Leave these items undisturbed, if possible, and advise the responding officer of the items. If you have to touch them, carefully move them to a safe location by holding the edges.
- The reporting officer will determine what items should be left undisturbed for processing. If you find items that you think can be processed, ask the officer and he/she will make that determination.
- A Crime Scene Investigations Unit (CSI) may be requested by the uniform officer depending upon evidence at the scene that can be processed. Unfortunately, not all burglary scenes are able to be processed. *Note - It is important to understand that a CSI officer may not immediately respond until the following day(s) due to case load/emergencies that may arise.*

How to contact the police investigator assigned to your case

- The responding police officer will provide you with a case report number and the name of the district station responsible for providing police service to your neighborhood.
- Your case will be assigned to a General Investigations Unit (GIU) detective from your district. This person will be in charge of your case.
- If you need to speak to an investigator immediately to report any additional information or to ask questions because you are not sure what to do, contact the GIU of

If there is a delay in scene processing

The Miami-Dade Police Department is sensitive to the possibility that you might feel violated and displaced. Here are a few things that you can do to help your family return to a sense of normalcy, while preserving evidence so that an arrest and prosecution has the best possible chance of occurring:

- Leave undisturbed or carefully move identified items to a safe location as directed by the reporting officer.
- Repair or close off entrances/windows that, if left open, would impact your safety or quality of life.
- DO NOT MOVE OUT OF YOUR HOME!** It is not necessary to leave your home. Simply move identified items as stated above.
- Resume your normal routine and explain the circumstances to family members - A burglary is generally a property crime. It is important to understand that no one was harmed and property can be replaced.
- Contact your insurance company to file a claim, if so desired, and provide them with the police case number.
- Contact the district station to obtain any necessary copies of your report.

your police district and ask for the detective assigned to your case, or another detective to assist you.

- The GIU is in charge of your case and will conduct any and all follow-up investigations. CSI is a support unit for the lead detective and will provide any results from your scene to them. If several days have passed and CSI has not responded, contact the GIU detective regarding any response concerns. Do not contact CSI directly, as all calls will be referred back to the GIU detective.