

SECURITY NEWSLETTER



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Concerns Over Alleged Takeover by Gang

Aurora, Colorado - The presence of Venezuelan gang members last month in an apartment complex sparked growing concern among residents and state officials.

According to recent reports by ABC News, the gang members allegedly took over the complex and forced residents at gunpoint to pay them rent. However, state officials deny these claims, but are still planning to shut down the complex due to... (Continued p. 3)

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● Experts Reveal Truth About Lifespan of Ballistic Glass

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We are often reminded of the need to replace windows and doors with *regular* glass after 20 years to ensure safety and efficiency, assuming they have not yet broken. But what about ballistic glass? How long does it last and when should it be replaced?

Here we reveal the truth about the lifespan of ballistic glass and the reasons behind... (See p. 3)



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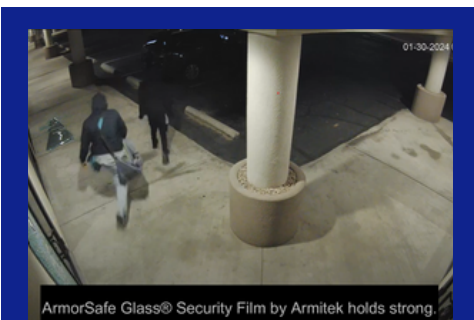
Top Signs a Burglar Is Targeting You

According to experts in law enforcement, most burglars will case a targeted location to analyze it for possible weaknesses prior to committing a robbery or crime.

Their objective is to find easy targets that will lessen their chances of getting caught. They also want to see when you, or others, are there, and what kind of valuables you possess.

There are indicators to tell when you are targeted. Pay close attention to the top signs you are being (Continued p. 4)

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(Aurora continued) ...criminal nuisance. Despite this, officials attempt to maintain that Aurora is a safe community.

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The alleged takeover of the apartment complex by Venezuelan gang members has caused fear and unease among residents. Many have reported feeling unsafe and intimidated by the presence of these individuals, and other criminal activities. According to ABC News, the gang members were seen loitering in the complex and were accused of harassing and extorting money from residents.

In response to these and other reports, state officials have downplayed the claims of gang members forcing residents to pay them rent, while acknowledging criminal activity in the apartment complex. They have also tried to reassure residents. Nonetheless, neighborhoodscout.com states that Aurora already has nearly double the crime rates compared to the rest of the United States.

The presence of Venezuelan gang members in the Aurora apartment complex has raised concerns among residents and all across the country.

In other states, such as Utah, increasing crime rates are being taken seriously. For example, all schools are currently mandated to install ballistic glass or security film on all first floor glass windows and doors to protect students and teachers.

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(Lifespan continued) ...it. Much like regular glass, ballistic glass lasts 20 years, or more, but is much more resistant to breaking from blunt force.

One of the most common reasons for replacing ballistic glass is not due to wear and tear, but rather due to its functionality. Ballistic glass is designed to stop bullets and other projectiles, and over time, it can become yellowed or discolored, if not maintained properly, making it more difficult to see through.

Another reason for replacing ballistic glass is structural damage caused by stopping bullets. While ballistic glass is designed to withstand high-velocity impacts, it should be replaced after blunt-force to ensure it maintains its integrity. So, it is important to regularly inspect and maintain ballistic glass to ensure its functionality and condition.

Experts also warn against using products with ammonia to clean ballistic glass, as it can cause crazing, which are small cracks on the surface of the glass. Instead, they recommend using warm water and mild dish soap with a microfiber cloth to gently clean the glass. This will not only prevent crazing but also help maintain the clarity and effectiveness of the ballistic glass.

You should not overlook the importance of maintaining and replacing ballistic glass. With a lifespan of 20 years or more, it is crucial to regularly inspect and clean ballistic glass to ensure its functionality in emergency situations. So, if you have ballistic glass, make sure to take proper care of it to keep what you love safe.

(Burglar continued) ...cased. The first rule of safety is to pay attention to your surroundings. So, keep an eye out for the following:

Unrecognized Vehicles

Most of us live busy lives with many things going on around us all the time. But with a little attention, we can get a sense of when something feels out-of-place during our routine. While we don't want to panic over every small change, or call the police every time we see a car that may be unfamiliar to us, it may or may not be a sign that someone is casing you. How do you tell the difference?

Look to see if anyone exits the vehicle, rings a doorbell, knocks on a door, enters a home or business, or interacts in a normal way with people around the premises. These can be good indicators they are supposed to be there. However, if you see someone just sitting in a car or driving slower than normal traffic around the area, it can indicate targeting.

Taking Photos or Videos

There are legitimate reasons why someone would take photos without having bad intentions. They may be getting ideas for improvements for their property, for remodeling or landscaping, or may be performing official business for an appraisal, or work for the city. However, if someone is walking around a house, taking photos as they go, or going from house to house, taking pictures, chances are they may be casing.

Solicitation

An easy way for burglars to find out information about when people are away and what deterrents they have, such as security systems, reinforced locks, cameras, and window security such as ballistic glass or security film, is to walk up and ring the doorbell or enter the business.

If someone answers, it's easy for a burglar to pretend to be a customer, salesperson, survey taker, and more. They may pretend to ask for directions, or to use your restroom, or for a drink of water. And, if no one answers, they can make a note of it.

Signs

Watch for upturned mats, odd and out-of-place objects on your property, signs on your lawn, flyers from businesses you don't recognize, something unmailed in your mailbox, etc. These can be used to signal a good target.

What Should You Do?

Keep in mind, burglars are looking for easy targets that will decrease their chances of getting caught. Effective deterrents can encourage them to seek a different target. And if they attempt a burglary on your property, you'll want to keep yourself safe. Many burglars carry weapons, just in case they encounter unexpected situations, so it pays to be prepared. To learn more about our free security assessment and what works as top-notch deterrents to discourage burglars and protect in case they do target you, call 800-910-1035 now!

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