

BURGLARY



Protect Your Home

And Business

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Definition:-

Section 207 of the St. Lucian Criminal Code.

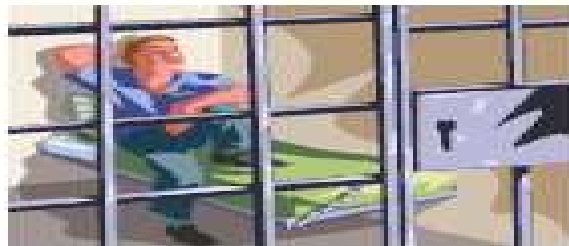
A person commits the offence of burglary if:

(a) he or she enters any building or part of a building as a trespasser with the intent to commit any offence under subsection.

(2); or (b) having entered any building or part of a building as a trespasser he or she steals or attempts to steal anything in the building or part of it or inflicts or attempts to inflict on the person therein any grievous bodily harm.



Penalty:-



A person who commits the offence of burglary is liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for twenty years.

Prevention Tips

- **Make your home look occupied, and make it difficult to break in.**
- **Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house or go to bed. Even if it is for a short time, lock your doors.**
- **Leave lights on when you go out. If you are going to be away for a length of time, connect some lamps to automatic timers to turn them on in the evening and off during the day.**
- **Keep your garage door closed and locked.**
- **Arrange for your lawn to be mowed if you are going away for an extended time.**
- **Make sure your door hinges are on the inside.**
- **Check your locks on doors and windows and replace them with secure devices as necessary.**
- **Pushbutton locks on doorknobs are easy for burglars to open. Install deadbolt locks on all your outside doors.**
- **Sliding glass doors are vulnerable. Special locks are available for better security.**
- **Other windows may need better locks. Check with a locksmith or hardware store for alternatives.**
- **Trim your shrubbery around your home to reduce cover for burglars.**
- **Be a good neighbor. If you notice anything suspicious in your neighborhood, call the police immediately.**

IF YOUR HOME IS BROKEN INTO

If you come home to find an unexplained open/broken window or door:

- **Do not enter - the perpetrator may still be inside.**
- **Use a neighbor's phone to call police.**
- **Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have inspected for evidence.**
- **Write down the license plate numbers of any suspicious vehicles.**
- **Note the descriptions of any suspicious persons.**



Other Precautions You Should Take:

- ◆ ***Never leave keys under doormats, flowerpots, mailboxes or other "secret" hiding places -- burglars know where to look for hidden keys.***
- ◆ ***Keep a detailed inventory of your valuable possessions, including a description of the items, date of purchase and original value, and serial numbers, and keep a copy in a safe place away from home — this is a good precaution in case of fires or other disasters.***
- ◆ ***Make a photographic or video record of valuable objects, heirlooms and antiques. Your insurance company can provide assistance in making and keeping your inventory.***
- ◆ ***Consider installing a burglar alarm system.***

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