



WORST PLACES TO HIDE YOUR VALUABLES

Keeping cash and valuables in your home can be a challenge. While having quick and easy access to these items is important, storing them in a safe, secure, and discreet place is just as vital.

If a criminal gets into your home, his goal is to steal as much as he can in the shortest amount of time and leave (sometimes in as little as ten minutes). Movies, TV shows, and social media have exposed many typical hiding spots around the home. This increased publicity directly points thieves to the places they should look first. Some of the worst (and most predictable) places to stash your valuables include:

DIRTY LAUNDRY

Camouflaging valuables is one way to conceal items. Stuffing them into a pile of laundry may seem to create a “needle in a haystack” scenario in which thieves must search. But burglars aren’t deterred by smelly socks and mountains of dirty clothes. Laundry baskets are usually easy to find; it takes less than five seconds to tip them over.

PURSE

If you own more than one handbag, the temptation may be to divide and hide your cash and valuables among several purses. Burglars know that purses contain at least a wallet and if the purse is a designer bag, it has a value all its own. Thieves have also been known to stuff a purse with other small items they want to take, making it a convenient carrying case for stolen goods.

JEWELRY BOX

A jewelry box keeps gems, jewels and accessories organized, within reach, and in one convenient location. It’s also one stop jewelry stealing spot for thieves – just pick up the box and go.

DRAWERS (any purpose)

There is a sense that items are truly hidden when they are sandwiched in between things inside of a drawer, especially if it is cluttered. Everyone knows drawers are used for storage of variety of things - including money and valuables. That makes them logical places for thieves to look. Burglars can take out drawers, tip the contents on the floor, and help themselves to whatever they can find.

TOILET TANK

A one-time brilliant location to stow away cash and valuables (contained in a plastic bag), the toilet tank has lost its appeal as a clever and unpredictable site to shelter items. Hollywood can be credited with glamorizing the lavatory as a secret space to hide your things. It stinks as a secure location.

CHILD'S BEDROOM

Years ago, a child's bedroom was the perfect hiding place for valuables and cash. Criminals weren't looking to pilfer toys and games. Today, a child's bedroom is almost its own destination for burglars. Kids have tablets, smartphones, gaming consoles, computers, TV and other electronics left out in the open. Don't put it passed a bad guy to dig a little deeper to see if your cash or valuable are hidden in a child's bedroom.

FREEZER

Keeping valuables out of sight by wrapping them in aluminum foil, labeling them as frozen food, and shoving them in the freezer, or by putting them in food storage containers in the refrigerator, could be considered a cool way to tuck away items you want to protect. TV and movies publicized the freezer as a good hiding place. It's not such a hot spot anymore.

UNDERWEAR/SOCK DRAWER

Sock and underwear drawers seem like a perfect concealed spot. Between the layers of clothing and the occasional state of disarray, this bedroom drawer seems like a perfect mess in which to camouflage your treasures. The old sock drawer trick is well-known to thieves. They have no qualms about rifling through your intimate apparel to search for your valuables.

UNDER MATTRESS

Under the bed or mattress has always felt like a good, safe hiding place. It protected your childhood valuables and diaries. As an adult, a mattress provides a familiar sense of security – if you're sleeping, how can a burglar check under the bed? Remember burglars were kids once, too. They know all about mattress hiding. Plus, most burglaries occur when no one's home. Flipping a mattress to search for cash or other items takes only a few seconds.

Discreetly storing cash and valuables in unexpected locations around the house may prevent you from losing items of personal value. Careful consideration must be taken when choosing the best and most covert storage places. Consider selecting a location where a thief would need to exert a great deal of time and energy to find your things, and then make a lot of noise trying to take it.

Use caution when consulting the internet for the "best places in your home to hide your valuables." If you can google it, so can the bad guys.

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