



Colin's Locksmith and Electronic Security Services

By: Jovel Johnson

In the this day and age where crime and violence is rampant in our world, especially in a place like Jamaica, it is in everybody's best interest to secure themselves from predators who sit, watch and wait for them to gain material wealth, in the hope of robbing them. As a result of that, businesses that offer security systems of many kinds are booming, and Colin's Locksmith and Electronic Security Services is no exception.

Since 1989, owner, Colin Campbell has been fulfilling security needs of Ocho Rios and its environs and this he does with pure love for the profession. "My start in this business was purely accidental. I didn't find it, it found me. My brother was the first locksmith in Ocho Rios and after Hurricane Gilbert, I spent some time with him. There I fooled around locks and other things and actually saw how locks and keys operated and were made. Actually seeing how a key was made and knowing how the key works was very fascinating to me. I fell in love with it. I started out at market front on Main Street in a little shop. I moved to James Avenue based on clientele, expansion of goods and the drive to better serve customers," he said. His is located at Shop #16 at James Avenue in Ocho Rios.

As for standing out from the rest, Mr. Campbell says, "It's not what you do, it's how you do it. I'm the only locksmith in Ocho Rios that offers electronic security services. The security side was introduced to me by a friend in the States." Colin's

Locksmith and Electronic Security Systems also offers alarm systems, surveillance systems, panic systems, automatic gate openers and garage enclosures. "We also have a complete motor vehicle line," Mr. Campbell said. Locks available are padlocks, knob locks, dead locks, magnetic locks and cam locks, among others.

TIPS ON KEEPING THE HOME SAFE

It is important for consumers to know the necessities surrounding safety of their homes. Here, Mr. Campbell gives some tips on what to do and what to look for when looking to make your home safe.

1. Most people would think of an attractive lock set. A good lock set does not necessarily mean an attractive lock.
2. Never install a loose inner knob on glass doors. This can allow easy access to the inside. "The intruder can easily break the glass and easily open the lock," Mr. Campbell said. Always install double dead bolt locks with protective screws. The protected screws are for added security. Even if someone breaks the glass, they will not be able to enter without an access key.
3. When building, try not to put a window next to any entrance door. This also allows for easy access.
4. Grilling the house is not as safe as it is meant to be. This is because people always tend to leave keys lying in the wrong areas and they always install the wrong locks, e.g. padlocks that are easy to "pick" (or open without the proper key).
5. It is recommended to use a "one key" system for entrance/exit purposes to your house. "For example, if you install a dead bolt or knob lock to your main door with a one-key system, we supply the box for you to install a dead bolt to your grill system. With that, you get the same key to operating the main door and the dead bolt lock on the grill."

MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE

According to Mr. Campbell, people don't always practice the best methods in safety. "Some of the mistakes people will make include locking their keys in the car, going for a swim with the keys in their pockets and putting the keys under a stone, a mat or a flower pot in the yard. They will also leave a note saying that they will soon be back or tell where they are going and another big mistake is keeping all the keys of the same door/lock on one bunch," he said.

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Padlock set with Grande Entrance lock set.

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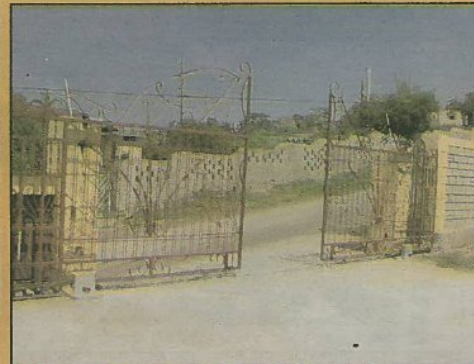
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Home Security Basics

Nine out of ten household burglaries are preventable

Think about it, knowing about a burglar's three worst enemies - light, time and noise - can help you protect your home from crime. A burglar won't find your home an "easy mark" if he's forced to work in the light, if he has to take a lot of time breaking in, and if he can't work quietly.

"Case" Your Place

Take the time to "case" your house or apartment, just as a burglar would. Here are a few questions to get you started:

Where is the easiest entry? How can you make it more burglar resistant? Trim trees and shrubs near your doors and windows, and think carefully before installing a high, wooden fence around your back yard. High fences and shrubbery can add to your privacy, but privacy is a burglar's asset. Consider trading a little extra privacy for a bit of added security. Force any would-be burglar to confront a real enemy - light. Exterior lights, mounted out of easy reach, can reduce the darkness a burglar finds comforting.

How can you slow burglars down? Time is a burglar's enemy, too. A burglar delayed for four or five minutes is apt to give up and try for another, less difficult location. Simple security devices - including such ordinary equipment as nails, screws, padlocks, door and window locks, grills, bars and bolts - can discourage intruders and keep them from entering.

How about noise? Try to make the general prospect of robbing your home a noisy job. Noise is that important third enemy of the burglar. Many types of alarm systems are available, with detectors to be mounted on doors and windows. Deciding just how much home protection you need - and can afford - is a personal judgment. Ask the police to have someone survey your home and advise you about suitable protection.

Are any of your valuables - such as a painting, a silver collection or an antique chair - easy to see from outside? Rearranging your furnishings might be advisable if it serves to make your home less inviting to criminals! Incidentally, should you ever need to report a burglary or file an insurance claim, a household inventory - a listing of your furniture and major personal belongings - could be a valuable document.

Consider Some Specifics

Reducing the risk of break-ins is simply a matter of making your home less inviting to burglars than other homes in the neighborhood. It's up to you.

Doors: Outside doors should be metal or solid hardwood, and at least 1 3/4 inches

thick. Frames must be made of equally strong material, and each door must fit its frame securely. Remember, if it is placed in a weak door, even the most efficient lock will not keep out a determined burglar. A peephole or a wide-angle viewer in the door is safer for identifying visitors than a door chain. Sliding glass doors present a special problem because they are easy to open, but there are locks designed for them. A broomstick in the door channel can help, but don't depend on it for security.

Locks. Deadbolt locks are best.

Windows. Key locks are available for all types of windows. Double-hung windows can be secured simply by "pinning" the upper and lower frames together with a nail, which can be removed from the inside. For windows at street level, consider iron grates or

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Take the proper steps to protect your home from burglars!



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From left: Alroy Smith, Herman Smith, Lascelles Brown and Courtney Williams posing for the camera by H.S. Services



Lascelles Brown (left) and Courtney Williams standing with a 13 Ton Boom rental truck

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BEST LOCKS FOR DIFFERENT PLACES

The most selected brand, Mr. Campbell said, is Schlage. "It is very expensive, but it is very strong; it doesn't change or rust easily. You can have that up to 15 years." Kwik (Quick) Set is a cheaper brand, but it gives excellent security. For padlocks, he said that the Discus Locks are used for protecting high security storage areas. The American padlock is also for high security storage areas, but is more costly. "It is highly recommended," he said.

Businesses

For glass doors, a one inch and a half metal door locks with a double entry key way is recommended. Wooden doors should have double dead bolt locks with protective screws.

Homes

Wooden doors in homes should also have dead bolt locks with protective screws, along with key-in-the-knob systems for push/pull action. Glass doors are not recommended to be used as the main door or entrance. Use hard wood doors with added security chain and peep hole.

Windows

Windows are normally bolted. "We have cylindrical lock systems to protect windows which are very attractive and give great security. Best recommended securities are bolts for economical restraints," Mr. Campbell said.



From left: Colin Campbell (owner), Alicia Jamieson and Julius Campbell.

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CAMPAIGN FOR COURTESY, DISCIPLINE LAUNCHED IN SCHOOL

By Gisele Sequeira

The Kiwanis Club of St. Mary and the Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica launched the discipline and courtesy programme at the Jacks River Primary School on Monday, April 25. The campaign was launched during the school's devotion by Navara Dennis, Lieutenant Governor Designate for Division 24 of the Kiwanis Club; Fredrick Young, Lieutenant Governor of Division 24 for the Kiwanis Club and Nezberth Smith, President of the St. Mary Kiwanis Club. The Jacks River Primary School is the first school in St. Mary that the programme is being launched.

The aim of the programme is to encourage discipline and courtesy in the school as the organization has recognized that the country is plagued with indiscipline. "Too many of our people are involved in crimes and if they were curbed from they were young this would not be so," said Mr. Young. "Therefore it is our responsibility to start with our children." The Kiwanis Foundation of Jamaica and the Kiwanis Clubs in Jamaica have recognized that discipline and courtesy are essential to the spiritual, social and economic growth of the nation. It is through this view that they have undertaken the campaign to encourage the continued growth and development of these essential elements of social well-being in Jamaica.

They are making an effort to go into primary and high schools and colleges to educate our children and young people on the importance of discipline and courtesy.

The programme was officially launched in June 2004 at Kings House by Howard Cooke, the Governor General of Jamaica. The Kiwanis Club takes the campaign into the school by introducing the programme to the principal, brochures are handed out and prizes are given to the children and follow up programs are conducted within the school. Several teachers agreed that this is needed badly in the school as indiscipline is increasing in schools. The Kiwanis Club urges children to display discipline in their daily lives and to make a difference in enhancing the quality of life by being courteous to each other.



Fredrick Young, Kiwanian, talking to the children at the Jacks River Primary School as they launched their discipline and courtesy programme.

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Home Security Basics

Make the Extra Effort

Here are some "home security habits" to develop and practice: Establish a routine to follow in making certain that doors and windows are locked and alarm systems are turned on.

Avoid giving information to unidentified telephone callers, or announcing your personal plans in want ads or public notices (such as giving your address when advertising items for sale). Notify police if you see suspicious strangers in your area.

Handle your keys carefully. Don't carry house keys on a key ring bearing your home address or leave house keys with your car in a commercial parking lot. Don't hide your keys in "secret" places outside your home - burglars usually know where to look.

Remember special vacation tips. This is a clear giveaway that the owners are not home. When going on vacation, leave blinds in their usual position. Have mail and packages picked up, forwarded or held by the post office. Lower the sound of your telephone bell so it can't be heard outside. Arrange to have your lawn mowed or your walk-way kept clean. Stop newspaper deliveries. Ask a friend to pick up "throwaway" newspapers and circulars. Use automatic timers to turn lights on and off in your living room and bedrooms at appropriate times. Consider connecting a radio to a timer. Tell police and dependable neighbours when you plan to be away and join with your neighbours to keep a close watch on what's happening in your area - working closely with them is a good way to prevent crime. Talk to your neighbourhood watch.

...And Remember This

Confronting a thief in your home is frightening. Follow this advice:

1. Run away if you can and call police.
2. Lock yourself in a room if you can't escape.
3. Cooperate and stay as calm as possible should you find yourself face-to-face with a burglar.
4. Report any losses to your insurance representative promptly and accurately. (Don't forget to check your household inventory.)

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SERVING THE ELTHAM BASIC SCHOOL WITH PRIDE

By Gisele Sequeira

It is often said that a hero is not recognized in his own country. This statement will never be uttered by Baron Henlin, Chairman of the Eltham Basic School. This humble man sat beside his wife, Ruby, in front of an audience of over thirty persons listening keenly to the wonderful things that were said in his honour at the appreciation service that was held for him. The service took place at the Eltham Community Center in St. Ann on Sunday, April 24.

It was the delight of the audience to see the tiny tots from the Eltham Basic School doing items in song and dance to this man who they call their grandfather, father and friend. This well anticipated moment showcased the works of Mr. Henlin who contributed twelve years of service as chairman to the basic school.

It was acknowledged that he came to the school when it was in dire need of a savior. Many persons recounted the things that Mr. Henlin did in the upliftment of the school. Sandra Smith, Education Officer from the Ministry of Youth and Culture, Zone 18, told stories of the many times that Mr. Henlin called upon her to deal with the many pressures and struggles that the basic school faced. She lauded the school for being one of the most outstanding basic schools in the entire zone.

Several persons in their tributes were full of praise and thankfulness to Mr. Henlin for his tireless work. "Mr. Henlin is a people person, a community person, a children person and we are grateful to have people of this caliber in our community," said Steadman Willis, Eltham Citizen Association.

"It uplifts our spirit to see Mr. Henlin with the children who rush to greet him as he enters the school compound," said Lucille Little, a resident of Shelburne Gardens, Eltham.

The guest speaker, Marjorie Robinson, president of the Kiwanis Club of St. Ann encouraged the audience to hug their children as there is no harm in doing this and to teach their children principles of life.

Oshane Moore serenaded Mr. Henlin in songs that were touching to the heart.

Some of the works that Mr. Henlin did for the basic school included installing better kitchen, bath room, dining area, electricity, water, flooring and office space for the children and teachers of the school.

"I did not know that what I was doing was being noticed as I was only doing it because it was my duty," said Mr. Henlin in his reply. To his amazement the school bestowed him with a citation and a massage chair for the wonderful work that he has done.



Baron Henlin hugging his wife, Ruby Henlin at his Appreciation Ceremony at the Eltham Basic School.