



home

SAFETY CHECKLIST

GENERAL

- ___ Lock all doors and windows
- ___ Close blinds and curtains when not home
- ___ Repair or replace loose or frayed wires
- ___ Feel all outlets or plugs to see if they are warm; if so get them checked by an electrician
- ___ Make sure all outside vents are properly sealed and clear of obstruction to prevent carbon monoxide buildup inside
- ___ Have chimneys cleaned, annually
- ___ Inspect water heaters, annually
- ___ Install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors generously around the home - Replace batteries twice a year - All alarms should be replaced every 10 yrs - Vacuum each alarm grill to keep clean of dust regularly
- ___ Place fire extinguishers in the kitchen and on every floor. Learn how to use them
- ___ Have a rescue ladder if you live in a two-story home
- ___ Make sure barred windows have a quick-release mechanism
- ___ Install motion sensing floodlights in the backyard
- ___ Store flammable liquids away from a flame source
- ___ Install nonslip decals in your bath tubs
- ___ Put lights at the top and bottom of stairs
- ___ Paint the bottom basement step white for visibility
- ___ Stay up to date on crime trends

HOMES WITH CHILDREN

- ___ Lock cabinets with safety latches
- ___ Install window guards on every window
- ___ Install safety gates where needed
- ___ Lock up hazardous material including medications
- ___ Keep sharp objects, matches, and plastic bags away from children
- ___ Lock up all guns and ammunition
- ___ Fence in all pools and water features
- ___ Teach children how to dial 9-1-1

WHEN AWAY

- ___ Speak to trusted neighbors before going away
- ___ Social Media: Don't alert people you won't be home
- ___ Advertise any security system you have installed (even if you don't have one)
- ___ Keep your home looking lived in when you are away - Leave a radio playing near a window
- ___ Install a solid wood dowel into the track of a sliding glass door to prevent opening
- ___ Give a spare key to a trusted neighbor or friend - Thieves know about the fake rock or hide-a-key trick

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