



Safety Tips



- Always keep doors and windows locked, including your garage door, whether home or away.
- Put padlocks on gates to the back yard.
- Avoid hiding keys outside for caretakers / cleaning services. Use automated locks or drop keys off to trusted people in advance.
- Secure ladders out of sight, preferably in a locked shed.



- Close blinds and curtains – not only does this help with energy savings, it prevents passers by from eyeing your stuff.
- Make sure your hot water heater is set not to exceed 120 degrees F to prevent scalding and save on energy costs.



- Change smoke detector batteries every 6 months
- Discuss a fire safety plan and escape route with your family that includes 2 ways out from every room in your home. For second stories, invest in fire escape ladders.
- Make sure all family members know where the fire extinguishers are located.
- Keep all exits clear from furniture and clutter.
- Avoid cord clutter – in your home office. Piled up, tangled cords present a fire hazard as well as a hazard for trips and falls.
- Always ensure your dryer vent is clean and free from lint and the vent hose is securely attached to prevent fire.



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- Maintain the exterior of your home – trim back shrubbery and landscaping so windows and doors are not hidden from view. Trim back tree branches that offer access to the second story of your home.
- Get to know your neighbors. Join a neighborhood watch group and stay informed on what is happening in your neighborhood.
- When you make major purchases, such as TVs, break down boxes and put them inside a trashcan.
- Keep track of serial numbers for electronics. Serialize all valuables and store this information in a safe place in case of theft.



- Keep medicine cabinets locked and at least once a year, clean out all old and expired medications.



- Always request company badges / credentials from anyone who comes to your door to sell you something. Do not allow anyone inside your home if they cannot provide the correct identification and licensing. When in doubt, call the company they represent for verification.



- Deter intruders with Smart Lighting for exterior lighting, well-lit paths and entry door lights that automatically come on based on motion or home automation.