

The Complete Guide to Safeguarding Your Home While You Are Away

Going on vacation is a great way to relax and recharge. But before you head out, it's important to take steps to safeguard your home from burglars.



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According to the FBI, there were over 1.4 million burglaries in the United States in 2018. That's an average of one burglary every 23 seconds.

While you can't completely eliminate the risk of burglary, you can take steps to make your home less attractive to criminals. By following the tips in this guide, you can help protect your home and belongings while you're away.

1. Secure Your Doors and Windows

The first step to securing your home is to make sure all of your doors and windows are locked. This may seem like a no-brainer, but you'd be surprised how many people forget to lock their doors when they leave.

In addition to locking your doors and windows, you should also consider installing deadbolts and security bars. Deadbolts are more difficult to pick than traditional locks, and security bars can prevent burglars from breaking in through windows.

2. Install a Home Security System

A home security system is one of the best ways to deter burglars. Burglars are much less likely to target a home that has a security system.

There are many different types of home security systems available, so you can choose one that fits your needs and budget. Some systems include features such as motion detectors, door and window sensors, and alarms.

3. Get a Dog

Dogs are a great deterrent to burglars. Burglars are much less likely to target a home that has a dog.

Dogs are territorial animals, and they will bark to alert you to any strangers who approach your home. They can also be trained to attack intruders.

4. Ask a Neighbor to Keep an Eye on Your Home

If you're going to be away for an extended period of time, ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your home. Ask them to check in on your house every few days, and to report any suspicious activity to you.

You can also give your neighbor a key to your house in case of an emergency.

5. Suspend Mail and Newspaper Delivery

Burglars often look for homes that appear to be unoccupied. One way to make your home look occupied is to suspend mail and newspaper delivery.

You can contact your local post office or newspaper delivery service to suspend delivery for the duration of your trip.

6. Use Timers on Lights and Appliances

Another way to make your home look occupied is to use timers on lights and appliances. This will give the impression that someone is home, even when you're not.

You can set timers on lamps, televisions, and radios. You can also set timers on your coffee maker or slow cooker.

7. Be Careful Who You Give Your Keys To

Only give your keys to people you trust. This includes family members, friends, and neighbors.

Be careful about giving your keys to contractors or repairmen. If you must give your keys to someone you don't know, be sure to get a copy of their ID.

8. Keep Your Valuables Out of Sight

Burglars are often looking for easy targets. Don't make it easy for them by leaving valuables in plain sight.

Keep your jewelry, electronics, and other valuables in a safe place. You can also consider getting a safe deposit box at your bank.

9. Be Aware of Your Surroundings

One of the best ways to prevent burglary is to be aware of your surroundings. Pay attention to the people and vehicles in your neighborhood. If you see anything suspicious, report it to the police.

10. Trust Your Instincts

If something feels wrong, it probably is. Trust your instincts and take precautions to protect your home.

If you're ever concerned about the safety of your home, don't hesitate to call the police. It's better to be safe than sorry.

By following the tips in this guide, you can help protect your home from burglars while you're away. Taking these simple precautions can give you peace of mind and help you enjoy your vacation.



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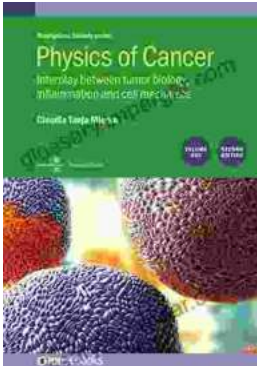
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