



Home Safety

General Home Safety and Security

- Create the illusion that someone is at your house if you're away for an **extended period of time**. Leave a TV or stereo on in a room where a burglar would most likely break in. Use exterior lighting and motion detectors to minimize burglar concealment. Make sure that ADT yard signs and window decals are prominently displayed on your property, as they are a good first line of defense to deter potential burglars.
- Make sure all **exterior doors** have good proper locks. Install 1-inch deadbolt locks on all exterior doors.
- If you get an **unexpected knock** at the door, check to see who it is before opening it. You can also keep your wireless keychain handy when there's a stranger at the door, in case you need to call for help in an instant.
- Don't leave **extra keys** under doormats, potted plants or any other obvious outdoor location. Thieves will generally find them. Find an inconspicuous place to hide the keys, or give a set to a neighbor you can trust.
- Burglar-proof your glass **patio doors** by setting a pipe or metal bar in the middle bottom track of the door slide. The pipe should be the same length as the track.
- Keep **garage doors** closed at all times. Even when you're home, it's important to safeguard your belongings and your family. By keeping garage doors closed, it prohibits intruders from gaining access to a door that leads directly into your home. Home security system components such as an overhead garage door contact can also provide added protection to your home.
- Keep drapes and blinds shut - especially in rooms where there is expensive equipment. **Don't advertise** the items in your home. Following home safety tips like this, you can help protect your investments, even when you're not there.
- Store cash, jewelry and other valuables in a **safe** or safety deposit box instead of leaving them lying around the home. Helping protect your investments and furnishing your home with a security system can help lower your risk of a home invasion or burglary.
- Don't leave **notes on the door** for service people or family members when you're not there. These alert the burglar that you are not home. It's also important to remember to arm your system every time you leave your house to ensure your home, pets and valuables are safe.
- Adjust your **telephone ring** to its lowest volume setting, if you're going to be away from home for a few days. An unanswered phone may tip off a burglar that no one is home. Also, have a neighbor or friend collect your newspaper and mail. Never cancel delivery - you don't know who will get that information. When you have ADT Pulse®, you can also check in on your home using your cellphone or laptop even when you're not there.

Home Fire Safety

- When buying, building or **renovating** your home, make sure all roofing materials are fire resistant.
- Never leave **candles** or other open flames burning unattended.
- Douse **cigarette and cigar butts** with water before dumping them in the trash. By following safety tips at home like this and having home security, you can help protect your investments and add value to your home.
- Don't leave hot irons, or burning stovetops and outdoor grills unattended while in use. Double-check that you've **turned them off** after use. Having added protection like carbon monoxide detectors or smoke and heat sensors can also help you protect your home and loved ones from fire.
- Regularly clear and dispose of dry or dead vegetation in your yard or areas near your home. Following a home safety tip such as this one more frequently during hot, dry months can also help you thoroughly protect your home from fire.
- Make sure the lid stays on your trash can, and store firewood and other **combustibles** away from your home.
- Install **smoke alarms** on every level of your home. For the best detection and notification protection, install both ionization and photoelectric-type smoke alarms. Put them inside or near every bedroom. Test them monthly to make sure they work and replace the batteries once a year. Safeguarding your home with heat and smoke sensors can give your home an added layer of protection.
- Don't have deadbolts that lock with an inside key. You need to get out fast if a fire starts. A missing key could trap you inside. Also, don't nail windows shut. Make sure they open easily.
- Make a **fire escape plan** for your family. Find two exits out of every room. Pick a meeting place outside. Practice makes perfect - hold a family fire drill at least twice each year. Making sure your entire family is aware of your fire escape plan and knows how to properly operate your home security system is imperative to having the best home security possible.
- Be sure your street address is **visibly posted** so that firefighters can identify your home in the event of an emergency.

Now is a great time to talk to your family about your family evacuation plan. Review your evacuation plan with your family. If you don't have an evacuation plan take the time to set up a plan and share it with your family.

Fire Safety Poster Set



Includes 15 Posters

Home Safety Resources:

If you need more information on setting up your family evacuation plan visit. The website listed below. They even have a link to make your own escape planning grid.

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/for-consumers/escape-planning/basic-fire-escape-planning>

Home Safety Checklist

<http://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/organizing/home-safety-checklist>

Code Red

<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/8FBD05EC3702>

Rocky Mountain Power Home Safety

<https://www.rockymountainpower.net/ed/hws/hs.html>

Household Safety Checklists

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/household-checklist.html>

Home Fire Safety Checklist

www.nfpa.org/education

National Fire Protection Association
1 Batterymarch Park
Quincy, MA
02169
www.nfpa.org
www.firepreventionweek.org
www.sparky.org

