**Vacation Checklist**

In addition to our other suggestions, please consider the following before you go on vacation.

**DOOR and WINDOWS**

- Inspect locks and deadbolts for wear or damage.
- Secure sliding glass doors and sliding windows with a dowel or bar.

**LIGHTING**

- Have several lights on timers that are set to come on in different rooms at different times.
- Replace burned out light bulbs.
- Consider installing motion-sensing lights.

**OUTSIDE**

- Complete yard work before you leave.
- Trim trees and bushes to eliminate hiding places.
- Put ladders and tools away.

**KEYS**

- Provide a spare key to a trusted family member or friend.
- Remove any keys you have hidden outside.

**SERVICES**

- Suspend newspaper delivery.
- Have your mail held at the Post Office.

**MAKE YOUR HOME APPEAR OCCUPIED.**

- Have someone you know park in your driveway.
- Have a friend regularly check your home for debris and other clues that you aren’t home.
- Arrange to have your trash put out and brought in.
- Avoid leaving notes or phone messages announcing that you are gone.
- Never announce your vacation plans on social media.

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LOCK IT.. OR LOSE IT!
Personal Safety

Always walk with authority, displaying an air of confidence and purpose of destination.
Always be aware of your surroundings.

AVOID

♦ Walking alone, if possible.
♦ Listening to loud music while wearing headphones or earbuds.
♦ Heavily overgrown areas (trees, weeds, shrubbery, et cetera).
♦ Alleys and less traveled side streets.
♦ Dark doorways, hallways, and parking lots.
♦ Deserted parks, warehouse and industrial areas.

WHEN APPROACHING YOUR CAR

♦ Have your keys ready before approaching your car.
♦ Look inside before getting in, checking the front and rear seat areas for an intruder.

WHILE DRIVING

♦ Lock doors immediately upon entering - even before placing your key in ignition.
♦ Keep all doors locked.
♦ Keep windows rolled up, if possible.
♦ Never pick up hitchhikers.
♦ If you choose to stop to render assistance in an emergency, be wary and use caution.
♦ When giving your car keys to parking lot or carwash attendants - always keep your house keys.

Avoiding Theft from Your Vehicle

ALWAYS

♦ Lock your car doors and windows at all times.
♦ Park in busy, well-lit areas.
♦ Remove your valuables - especially firearms - from your vehicle.
♦ If you have a garage, park your vehicle inside.
♦ Lock your car - even when it’s in your garage.

NEVER

♦ Leave your car running unattended.
♦ Leave your house or car keys in your car.
♦ Leave anything of value in plain view - always lock valuables out of sight in the trunk.
♦ Leave a firearm in your vehicle, especially overnight.

Burglary

Most of the residential burglaries that occur in the United States each year are committed without force when criminals enter through unlocked doors and windows.

♦ Use strong, quality locks for all of the doors of your home: garage, basement, patio, storage area, or guesthouse.
♦ Use metal or solid wood doors.
♦ Use deadbolts with at least a 1-inch throw on all exterior doors.
♦ Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer on all entry doors.
♦ Even if you’re going to be gone for “just a minute,” always secure your home.
♦ Secure the access to side and rear yards.
♦ Make landscaping work for you - trim trees and bushes so that neighbors and the police can see your doors and windows.
♦ Plant cactus and thorny plants to keep criminals away from your windows.
♦ Clearly display your house number so emergency personnel can find you; both in front and to the rear of your home.

If you do find that someone has broken into your home, call 911 immediately.

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