

HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

General Safety:

- Have a home security system professionally installed that offers a 24-hour monitoring system. Make sure to post the home system stickers and window decals: this should alert and deter would-be intruders.
- Never stop mail or newspaper deliveries; it signals that you are away. Have a neighbor pick up all deliveries if possible.
- When recording your answering machine message, do not state that you are not home or out of town.
- When leaving for an extended period, put lights and stereo /television on a timer to give the appearance that someone is home.

Exterior/Interior Security:

- Replace all locks immediately upon moving into your new home and install deadbolts on all outside doors.
- Secure your sliding glass doors with pins to prevent all horizontal and vertical movement. Also install security film over the glass panes for additional protection.
- Remember to lock all doors and windows.
- Provide remote panic buttons for children and/or elderly residents.

- Never keep garage door openers in cars that are parked outside of your home.

Keep Your Valuables Safe:

- Keep your important papers, heirloom jewelry and large amounts of cash in a safe deposit box.
- Engrave your valuables with your social security number or driver's license number.
- Store jewelry, firearms, furs and the like in a small closet with a non-hinged solid core door that has a deadbolt.
- When purchasing new electronic equipment, break down cartons before discarding them. This way you avoid advertising your new purchase to the entire neighborhood and drive-by observers.