

10 WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME WHILE ON VACATION



☐ **Get a Home Security System**

Get a home security system and make sure you advertise that you have one. If possible, get a video security system that will allow you to monitor your home remotely.

☐ **Stay Off Social Media**

It's hard not to post vacation pics on social media, but you should hold off to keep your home safe. Post your pics when you get home.

☐ **Keep Your Yard Maintained**

Weeds and overgrown grass is a sure sign that nobody is home. Have someone trim your lawn while you're away.

☐ **Hold Mail and Deliveries**

Have the post office hold your mail. Make sure that you don't have any package deliveries while you're gone.

☐ **Install Proper Exterior Lights**

Install outside lights that are on a timer or that have movement sensors.

☐ **Install Timers on Your Interior Lights**

Schedule timers to turn on a few inside lights to make it look like someone is home.

☐ **Have a Trusted Friend Watch Your Home**

If you have a friend in the community, ask them to keep an eye on your home while you're away. Ask them to take in your trash.

☐ **Secure Your Garage Door**

Lock your garage door and the door that you enter from your garage door.

☐ **Lock Your Sliding Doors and Windows** *(Even on the Second Floor)*

Make sure that all of your windows and doors are locked. Double-check windows on your second story.

☐ **Keep Your Blinds Open** *(If You Usually Do)*

If you usually leave your blinds open, keep it that way. Your home will look like someone is home.