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Home Safety / Security Considerations Checklist

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General

- ☐ If you see suspicious activity – Report it to the police immediately.
- ☐ Keep emergency numbers at hand.
- ☐ Members of your household know exactly what to do in case of emergency.

Interior - General

- ☐ There is a smoke detector in hallways near bedrooms, near family room and kitchen, top of any stairway and garage. Smoke detectors are tested once a month and batteries replaced every six month.
- ☐ There are fire extinguishers in your kitchen, garage and basement.
- ☐ Valuable documents and possessions are stored in a fire-rated safe.
- ☐ Guns are safely stored in a locked box, safe, or vault.
- ☐ Guns are stored separately from the ammunition.
- ☐ Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.
- ☐ If there is a home security system, place it in 'stay mode' when you go to bed.
- ☐ Consider motion-detector night lights for all rooms

Exterior

- ☐ Post a security yard sign whether you have a security system or not
- ☐ Consider a "Ring" or similar entry way ID system
- ☐ All doors are locked at night and every time you leave the house.
- ☐ Motion sensors control exterior lighting.
- ☐ House number is clearly displayed so emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.
- ☐ Exterior doors should have a good-quality deadbolt lock.
- ☐ All latch-strike plates on your exterior doors secured with at least 3" screws.
- ☐ Glass panels in or near the doors are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.
- ☐ Exterior doors without glass have a wide-angle door viewer installed for identifying visitors.

Exterior (Continued)

- ☐ Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.
- ☐ All doors are locked when you are home for the night or when you leave your residence.
- ☐ Overhead garage door is always closed, even when you are home.
- ☐ Front entrance and all other entrances are lit well enough to enable you to identify visitors at night.
- ☐ Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in a mailbox.
- ☐ Vehicles outdoors always remain locked with nothing of value showing in the interior

Landscaping and Exterior Entries

- ☐ Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.
- ☐ There are no dark areas around our house and garage.
- ☐ Tree limbs been trimmed to prevent access to upper floor windows or balconies.
- ☐ Prickly" or thorny shrubbery are planted near windows to discourage loitering or hiding.
- ☐ All outdoor foliage is trimmed to prevent obstruction of exterior lighting.
- ☐ All gates are locked with a quality, weatherproof padlock.
- ☐ All sheds or outbuildings are secured with a quality, weatherproof padlock.
- ☐ All valuables stored outside are secured to a fixed, immovable object.
- ☐ Ladders are stored away so that no one can easily access upper windows or balconies.

Interior/Exterior - While You're Away

- ☐ Several lights in your home are set up on automatic timers.
- ☐ If there is a working home alarm system, arm before you leave.
- ☐ Store away valuables in a fire-rated safe.
- ☐ Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped.
- ☐ A friend or neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when away.
- ☐ A friend or neighbor knows how to contact you and what to do in an emergency.
- ☐ If there is a telephone answering machine don't announce: "We're not home right now?"