

## Fast Facts

### Home Safety

<i>General</i>	<i>Children</i>	<i>Awareness</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-House numbers visible from street</li> <li>-Don't put name in mailbox</li> <li>-Give spare key to neighbor or friend</li> <li>-Have motion sensing floodlights in your backyard</li> <li>-Keep landscaping trimmed</li> <li>-Check locks for doors and windows</li> <li>-Don't give garage door opener code out and change it every once in awhile</li> <li>-Advertise home security system prominently</li> <li>-Have your dryer vent, chimney (if you have one) and any other vents checked and cleaned regularly</li> <li>-Have gutters cleaned of debris</li> <li>-Garage: store chemicals and sharp tools out of the reach of children</li> <li>-Have adequate lighting and non-slip floor rugs</li> <li>-Don't run cords under rugs or across doorways</li> <li>-Don't overload electrical outlets or system</li> <li>-Check for frayed wires and faulty electrical system</li> <li>-If you have a chimney, make sure you have the right wood</li> <li>-If you have a wood-burning stove, check it twice monthly</li> <li>-Check hot water heaters yearly</li> <li>-Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on each floor of the house</li> <li>-Install smoke detectors in all sleeping areas</li> <li>-Test the alarms monthly (replace them every 10 years) and change batteries every year or sooner, if alarm chirps</li> <li>-Vacuum the alarms grille</li> <li>-Demonstrate the sounds of the alarms to family members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Use outlet covers</li> <li>-Keep any pointy objects out of reach</li> <li>-Keep sharp objects or other dangerous items out of reach</li> <li>-Lock any cabinets that have things inside that could be harmful</li> <li>-Put hazardous material in a locked cabinet</li> <li>-Install safety gates at the bottom and top of the stairs</li> <li>-Install window guards on every window (be sure to leave one window in each room as a fire exit)</li> <li>-Store medications and vitamins out of reach and have childproof locks/caps</li> <li>-Cover sharp furniture edges with padding</li> <li>-Fence in a pool</li> <li>-Place a monitor in the pool</li> <li>-Store guns/weapons in a locked cabinet.</li> <li>-Start teaching gun/weapon safety as early as possible in age appropriate terms</li> <li>-Teach children their address and how to call 911</li> <li>-Teach children to never open the door without an adult present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Keep doors closed (even if you're home)</li> <li>-Keep blinds/curtains closed (especially at night)</li> <li>-Store any valuables you have in safe and clever hiding spot</li> <li>-Check peephole before opening the door</li> <li>-Request ID of people who are claiming to be police or some other official</li> <li>-Do not leave children at home unattended</li> <li>-Report any suspicious activity in your area</li> <li>-Traveling: don't post to social media before you go or while you're gone, have someone pick up your mail/packages/newspaper or have it put on hold, &amp; have someone mow your lawn, shovel your driveway/sidewalk or anything else that makes your house looked lived-in</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Have fire extinguisher in the kitchen and on every floor</li><li>-Know how to use the fire extinguisher and replace it accordingly</li><li>-Kitchen: make sure flammable objects are kept away from stove top/oven</li><li>-Bathrooms: keep any electrical appliances away from water and use a non-skid bath mat/decals in tub/shower</li><li>-Stairs: keep clear of objects, have sturdy rails, well-lit with switches at the top/bottom</li><li>-Distinguish last step from floor</li><li>-Bedroom: nothing is near any heat sources, use a flame-resistant mattress and keep a phone, flashlight (rechargeable) and a weapon (doesn't need to be a gun) near the bed</li></ul>		
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