

Vacation Safety

Home Security

Before leaving on vacation, make sure your home is secured.

- Unplug electrical appliances (except refrigerator). Turn off gas pilots and water faucets.
- Notify newspaper service to temporarily refrain from delivering paper.
- Arrange for someone to pick up your mail or have the post office withhold delivery when you are away.
- Lock all windows.
- Leave a key with informed relatives, friends and neighbors and inform them of your itinerary and the telephone number at which you can be reached in an emergency.
- Set a timer to turn lights on and off, or ask someone to do it for you.
- Notify your local police or neighborhood security patrol. Tell them when you are leaving and when you will be back.
- Place all valuables in your hotel or motel's safe deposit box.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Check to see that any sliding glass doors or windows and any connecting room doors are locked.
- If you see any suspicious activity, report your observations to the management.

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Hotel and Motel Safety

- Never leave small children unattended.
- Know where the nearest fire exits, alarms and escape routes are.
- Don't answer the door without verifying who it is. If a person claims to be an employee, call the front desk and ask if someone from their staff is supposed to have access to your room and for what purpose.
- When returning to your hotel or motel later in the evening, use the main entrance. Be observant and look around before entering parking lots.
- Close the door securely whenever you are in your room and use all of the locking devices provided.
- Don't needlessly display guest room keys in public or carelessly leave them on restaurant tables, at the swimming pool or other places where they can be easily stolen.
- Don't invite strangers to your room.
- Don't draw attention to yourself by displaying large amounts of cash or expensive jewelry.

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