

# Home Safety Tips



## Safe Homes DO'S & DON'TS



When you go on holiday, there's always that lingering fear about leaving your valuables at home, unprotected. Here, we try to address this dilemma and try to suggest some logical measures which can ensure that your house is not vulnerable to theft and other emergencies while you are at home or away.

### **Close that Door**

One of the most obvious things to do is keeping your doors locked at all times whether you are at home or not. Windows irrespective of the floor you live on should also be kept locked unless you're home and want to keep them open for ventilation. A well-lit house is one way of deterring burglars from targeting your house at nights.

### **Safety Alarm**

During an age when the methods and the forms of burglary are getting sophisticated by the day we need to ensure that we have a fully functional alarm in our homes when we are asleep and when we are away. Having signs on our doors or windows and at the entrance of our building or yard lets people know that your home is being protected by these alarm systems. This discourages the wrong kind of attention to your home.

### **Stow Away Valuables**

The importance of keeping your valuables out of sight cannot be stressed enough. Keeping them well guarded in safes may cause burglars to move on as there is nothing much to look at. So go get yourself a sturdy safe which has an electronic lock or needs a password to be opened and stow away those valuable safely. Keeping your drapes closed especially when you are out of the house also helps in this respect.

### **Community Safety**

Another important precaution you can take and you can include your area security for this, is to make sure that you don't have any stray ladders lying around that can aid burglars when no one is looking.

### **Know Thy Neighbour**

The last point that needs to be mentioned is getting to know your neighbors. If you know them well enough, you can ask them to check on your house especially during times when you are not around. Keeping our homes safe is obviously a priority and practicing all the points discussed can go a long way.