

Home Protection Tips: Keeping Your Home Safe While Traveling

Add a little boost to your home security system

A vacation should be just that: a vacation. The last thing you want to worry about is keeping your house safe while you're away. But here's a little home protection tip: even with a wireless alarm to detect intruders, there are things you can do to make your home less of a target.

A LifeShield home security system is hands down your best option. Having a reliable home security system leaves you confident knowing your belongings back home are in good hands. But even with your LifeShield home security system armed and ready, there are additional things you can do to practice good home protection maintenance while you're not there.

Tell your friends. Make sure those close to you know you're away. Your neighbors are a great resource, but if you don't know them very well, make sure your friends or relatives can check in occasionally. The best home protection is knowing that people you trust are keeping an eye on things while you're away.

Suspend mail and newspaper deliveries. Nothing alerts suspicious characters to a vacant house more than a pile of outdated newspapers in your driveway, or a full mailbox. Either suspend your mail and paper deliveries, or have someone you trust collect them before they start accumulating.

Light it up. Make sure your yard is well lit, preferably with motion detectors. Not only is a dark property a sign that no one's home, but it's also the way burglars like to work. Adding some light to your property to back up your home security system or wireless alarm is the perfect way to discourage intruders in the first place.

Try the lived-in look. People focus on lighting the outside of their homes, but consider a timer for some of your inside lights and appliances, too. Making your home look lived-in is a boost to real home protection, even when a home security system and wireless alarm is already installed. Don't waste electricity senselessly, but try to make your house look lived-in, even when no one is there.

Ditch the spare key. If you keep a spare key hidden somewhere in your yard, under the doormat, etc., get rid of it while you're away. Even with a wireless alarm installed, no one should have easy access to your house keys. There's just no good reason to take such a chance.

Keep your yard well-groomed. Try to make sure your grass, trees and shrubbery are in good shape before you leave, and if possible, have them tended to while you're gone. One of the most obvious signs that no one is home is overgrown grass and shrubbery (not to mention, overgrown shrubs provide more cover to potential invaders).

You want your vacation to be as relaxing as possible, so the last thing you want to think about is what's going on back home. In the end, professional wireless alarm home protection, such as a LifeShield Home Security System, is the absolute best way to ensure that all of your home protection precautions are 100% effective while you're away. By adding the safety measures mentioned above to your LifeShield wireless alarm system, you'll know that you're covered, no matter what.