HOLIDAY HOME SECURITY

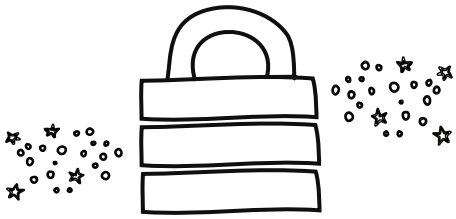
A CHECKLIST FOR PROTECTING YOUR HOME WHEN YOU'RE AWAY

Last Thanksgiving, **43 million Americans** drove 50 miles or more to carve the turkey with their friends and family. And, last year, **30% of Americans** traveled 50 miles or more from home during the year-end holiday season.

If you're traveling this holiday season, complete this simple checklist to ensure your home is secure when you're away.

UNDER LOCK AND KEY

- [ ] Have you locked every door or window, including the door to your garage?
- [ ] Have you secured your pet doors (if any)?
- [ ] Have you double-checked securing your sliding doors (if any)?
- [ ] If you have a home security system, have you activated it?
- [ ] Have you locked up your ladders, tools, and lawn furniture?
- [ ] Have you put your valuables in a safe or safety deposit box?
- [ ] Have you removed any "hidden" keys?

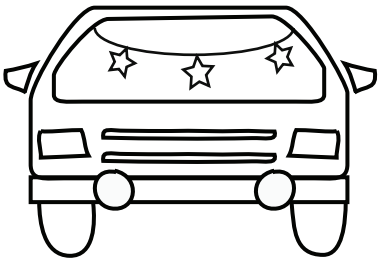


About **40% of burglaries** don't involve forcible entry. Just by properly securing your home, you can reduce your chances of unlawful intrusion.

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR

Have you asked a trusted neighbor to:

- [ ] Watch your house?
- [ ] Hold onto your emergency contact information?
- [ ] Collect any newspapers, flyers, or mail that might arrive?
- [ ] Park a car in your driveway?



In a survey of burglars, **51% checked for a car** in the driveway before committing their crime.

ANYONE HOME?

- [ ] Have you considered putting lights, TVs, or radios on intermittent timers?
- [ ] Have you trimmed any overgrown trees or shrubbery?
- [ ] Have you considered installing motion-sensing lights?
- [ ] Have you broken down any large cardboard boxes?
- [ ] Have you avoided posting about your travel plans on social media?

In the same survey, **60% of burglars** would avoid a 'target' if there was any evidence of people being inside.