



MOORE PROTECTION OFFERS TIPS ON VACATION HOME SECURITY

As you prepare your vacation plans this summer, the first step to take is to protect your home from crime. Each year, Americans lose more than \$3 billion to home burglaries, with summer being the peak months.

“While most of us are enjoying our vacations, burglars are casing our homes, looking for signs that we’re away,” says Don Moore, president of Moore Protection, one of the top home security companies in Southern California. “Burglars do not look for homes with the best merchandise, but homes that are the easiest targets.”

Fortunately, there are several simple steps you can take to reduce the chances of your home being burglarized this summer.

- Install good locks on all doors and windows, and use them.
- Have the post office hold your mail, or arrange for a neighbor to collect it.
- Leave a key with a friend or trusted neighbor. Don’t hide one under the mat, in a flower pot or in the mailbox. Periodically, have the person check your home to make sure everything is secure, and to change the positions of the drapes and blinds. Also, leave an address and telephone number where you can be reached by this person.
- Have bottled water, newspapers and other delivery services stopped. Do not leave notes- they are invitations to burglars.
- Arrange for lawn care and removal of circulars and debris.
- Put outside and inside lights on timers that go on at night to give your home a lived-in appearance. It’s also a good idea to have a television or radio on timers to simulate conversation.
- Use a telephone answering machine or turn off your phone’s ringer so a burglar isn’t alerted to your absence by excessive ringing. Never record your message saying you are away—only that you are unavailable to come to the phone.
- If possible, keep a vehicle parked in the driveway (even if it’s the neighbor’s car), having it moved periodically from one area to another.
- If you are a security company’s customer, notify them of how long you’ll be away, where they can reach you and who has a key to your home. Many security companies with private patrol service will conduct daily perimeter checks around your home.

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By applying these basic precautions, you can greatly decrease the likelihood of your home being burglarized while you are away. Vacations should be a time for fun and relaxation. Don't let yours be spoiled by crime.

For Moore Protection's free *Guide to Family Safety and Home Security*, call Don Moore at 310-463-7631. Moore Protection, Inc. is a full service home security company that consults, designs, installs, services and monitors its own modern and robust security systems, and prides itself on fast response, quality service and personal attention.

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