

Keeping your home secure during summer

Summertime is one of the best seasons for enjoying your home. With summer comes warmer temperatures and for many, a more relaxed attitude. While enjoying summer fun, residents should continue to be diligent about their home's security. By keeping the following basic summer home security tips in mind this season, you can reduce your chance of becoming the victim of burglary:

- Never leave doors or windows open or unlocked while you are away, even if it is for a short period of time. Keep in mind that second story-entries and windows should also be kept shut and locked.
- If you are home and have windows open, be sure that all window screens are properly attached and still in good condition.
- Your garage can be an easy target for thieves. Keep your garage shut when you are not present near the area and make sure the overhead garage door fully descends when you leave. In addition, never leave your garage door opener in your unlocked car. If you leave on vacation, unplug your garage door opener entirely.
- Be mindful of what is in sight. Do not leave lawnmowers, tools, bikes, ladders or any other valuable items in your yard.
- Ensure that the exterior lighting around your home is working properly, as lighting is a great deterrent to intruders.



Using Control My Home while on vacation

Have you ever wanted to check your home while on vacation? Perhaps you were on the beach, ready to relax and suddenly found yourself with questions concerning your unattended home:

Did I set a lighting schedule to make it look like someone is home while I am away? Are all of my doors and windows closed and locked? These questions can take the relaxation out of your vacation.



Have your home at your fingertips while on vacation.

Fortunately, there is a solution to help ease these concerns. WH Security offers an interactive add-on to your security system called Control My Home. Through the use of this system, a user can take advantage of controlling their home's security system, lights, locks or thermostat from anywhere they have an Internet connection. For example, if you are on vacation and notice the outside temperature dropping back at home, you can adjust your thermostat accordingly.

Control My Home also sends alerts to a user's cell phone or e-mail when security systems are triggered. Likewise, a user can create custom alerts or access video equipment based on their needs. With Control My Home, you can take charge and have your home at your fingertips

while at the beach. Monitoring your entire house will put your mind at ease and allow for a more relaxing vacation.

To learn more about Control My Home services offered through WH Security, visit: <http://goo.gl/IQcVF> or call a representative at (763) 477-3664.

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Summer Travel Security Tips

Whether for business or for enjoyment, many individuals spend the warm summer months traveling. Regardless of where you plan to go on your next vacation, it is essential to consider travel security tips to help ensure that your trip is successful, safe and fun.

To begin, always make certain that a family member or close friend is aware of where you are going in the event of an emergency. Before you leave, do not post or advertise your vacation plans on your Facebook wall, Twitter feed or any other social media site. It may seem fun to update friends on your upcoming vacation plans; however others could find out that you are leaving behind a vacant, unattended apartment or house. This creates the risk of making your home a prime target for burglary. Avoid posting photos of your trip on social media web sites until you are home as well.

Next, consider watching where you are using free WiFi. This includes hotels, airports or restaurants. If the connection does not ask you to provide a password, it is typically not a secure network. Using an unsecured network leaves you susceptible to others stealing your information, including capturing your passwords or reading private e-mails. In addition, avoid using public computers for financial transactions or personal use if possible. Public computers, such as ones in a hotel lobby, may not have secured browsing enabled.

Lastly, keep your electronic devices and valuables on you at all times. Hotel rooms are not always as secure and electronic items can easily be stolen. Similarly, never leave your luggage unattended in public areas and pay special attention to your belongings when you are in baggage claim.



Practicing security tips will help your summer trip go smoothly.

Take caution with door-to-door sales in summer

Summer is the season that brings increased door-to-door sales offers. Sales representatives are often in full force, traveling around neighborhoods offering various products and services.



Unfortunately, it is becoming more common for sales representatives to use unethical selling practices. Here are three general tips if you find yourself in a door-to-door sales situation:

- Be cautious by not allowing any unrecognizable guests into your home. If the person represents an authentic company, they will leave a business card or brochure.
- If you believe the salesperson represents an authentic company, pay attention and listen carefully to what they say. Ask for the name of their

company and contact information. You can also verify that the company is authentic by checking the Better Business Bureau at: www.bbb.org.

- Be aware of cancellation policies if you do choose to purchase a product or service. The Federal Trade Commission's "Three-day Cooling-Off Rule" gives the customer three days to cancel purchases over \$25 that are made in their home. Your purchase from a door-to-door sales representative should include a receipt, along with a cancellation form. More information can be found at: <http://goo.gl/hvA11>.