

Safety In The Home

Tips On Feeling Safe And Secure At Home

(NAPSA)—If you are like most homeowners, you know that few things are as satisfying as the sense of security that comes from being in your own home. For many, that's a feeling that comes from being able to close the door, turn the key and relax, knowing the dangers of the world are locked away.

A recent survey found that 70 percent of American homeowners say having deadbolt locks on their entry doors makes them feel safe and secure when at home.

The survey also revealed that 44 percent of respondents feel that having more than one deadbolt lock on their entry doors makes them feel safe and secure when at home.

Kwikset, the leader in smart, simple security, conducted the Harris Interactive survey to learn more about what makes Americans feel safe in their homes.

Tips to Feel Safe and Secure at Home

To help you and your family feel safer in your home, here are five simple safety tips from the experts at Kwikset:

1. Not all locks are created equal. Make sure you have quality locks. For maximum safety, choose high-security locks. For example, look for locks that feature BumpGuard technology, such as the Kwikset SmartKey Deadbolt, which protects against drilling and picking.

2. Light it up! Illuminate your home, inside and out. A timer or solar-powered light on the front, back and side of a house makes it more difficult for burglars to hide and gives the impression that someone is home. Install a lamp or TV timer when away so it appears someone is inside after dark.

3. Mow your lawn already! Overgrown grass is a sure sign that no one is home. Don't give the impression that your house



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4. Don't brag about your vacation. Think twice before posting upcoming trips on Facebook or Twitter. According to a study out of the United Kingdom from Credit Sesame, approximately 78 percent of ex-burglars use Twitter, Foursquare and Facebook to single out empty homes.

A good way to counter the technology used by the bad guys is to upgrade your own equipment. Using wireless technology like Kwikset Home Connect can protect your home by integrating a home automation system to monitor who enters and exits your home from your smartphone or Internet connection.

5. Remember to protect your spare key and your goods. Leave one with someone you trust. Never leave it on the property. Keyless entry locks with electronic keypads are another option to consider.

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