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SAFETY TIPS FOR PROTECTING YOUR HOME WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

1. Be cautious of who you tell about your departure. Don't broadcast it on Facebook, Twitter or anyplace else on the internet. Don't place the fact you're gone on your telephone answering machine.
2. It's okay to tell a trusted neighbor when and where you're going. Have a neighbor stop by periodically or even park their car in your driveway to give the house a "lived in" feel.
3. It is best to cancel newspaper and mail delivery for the duration of your vacation. Having a neighbor or relative pick them up is also an option.
4. Hook a timer up to lights, televisions and radios to throw off the fact that there isn't anyone home. Adjust the timer's settings to your normal routine.
5. Turn off the ringers on your phone while away. An unanswered phone might tip off a prowler that no one is home.
6. Exterior lights with motion sensors are great ways to scare off would be intruders.
7. Don't hide your keys on your property.
8. Store jewelry and other valuables in a safe hiding place, such as a safety deposit box.
9. Double check sheds, windows, garage doors, basement windows and any other area a burglar might get into.
10. Burglars like to work quickly. Deadbolt locks, window locks, bars placed in the tracks of sliding glass doors, etc. will slow them down.
11. Make arrangements to have someone mow your lawn or trim your bushes if on extended vacation.
12. Call your home security company if you have one. This way the company will know where you are and how to reach you if something does occur.
13. Advise neighbors to call 911 and **Patchogue Village Public Safety (475-1225)** if anything out of the ordinary or suspicious is observed.