



### **Gain peace of mind while your family is away on vacation**

You finally made the time to plan a vacation with your family... gain the peace of mind knowing you took precautionary measures to ensure the safety of your home while you are away.

### **Statistics and Facts**

- A home burglary occurs approximately every 15 seconds in the United States
- On average, a home burglary results in a dollar loss of about \$1,600
- About 30% of all burglaries are classified as an “unlawful entry” – the suspect was able to gain entry without using force
- Homes without security systems are two to three times more likely to be broken into

## **Get involved!**

If you see any suspicious activity taking place, or have any information pertaining to a crime, don't hesitate to call the police!

Your information is valuable and could help victims gain closure and police gain justice.

For other safety tips and alerts provided by the department, visit the Police News page located on our website.

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# **HOME PROTECTION SAFETY TIPS**

*Tips for protecting your home while your family is away on vacation*



**HIGHLAND HEIGHTS  
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**176 Johns Hill Road  
Highland Heights, KY 41076**



## Home Safety Tips

Here are a couple of ideas to ensure the safety of your home while you are away...

### **Keep shades and blinds in their normal positions**

It becomes more suspicious when blinds and curtains are fully drawn. Make sure to leave your shades and blinds in their normal positions to prevent any curiosity to a criminal.

### **Enlist a trusted neighbor or friend**

Place all deliveries and mail on a temporary hold while you are away; or enlist a trusted neighbor or friend to pick them up everyday. An accumulation of mail can lead to the conclusion that homeowners are away.

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*“According to the U. S. Department of Justice, 1.03 million home invasions occur each year.”*

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### **Do not leave a spare key hidden outside the residence**

Home invaders will look for any tools they can use to help them break into your home. Don't make it easy for them by leaving a spare key hidden outside your residence. Give it to a trusted neighbor, family member, or friend.

### **Lock all doors and windows**

Again, don't make it easy for an intruder to invade your home – lock all doors (including interior garage doors) and windows. Double, even triple, check all areas before you leave.



### **Leave lights on**

To make it look like your family is still home, leave several lights on in and around the house; or place timers on your lights to go on and off during normal hours.

### **Avoid social media**

Do not post any information about your vacation until you arrive back home. 4 out of 5 criminals use social media to target their next victim. Don't help the intruder break into your home by letting them know when and how long you will be gone.

### **Unplug all electronics**

We've all had that sinking feeling that we forgot to turn something off – unplug all electronics, appliances, lamps, plug-ins, irons, coffee makers, toasters, etc.

### **Call the police department**

Leaving on vacation? Call the Highland Heights Police Department to let them know of your absence. Officers will perform routine vacations checks on your home and the surrounding areas providing peace of mind while your family is away.