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– Needville, TX

## Home Security Tips



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- ▶ Only national full service security provider to achieve Installation Quality (I.Q.) Certification



### Affordable and easy to use

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- ▶ System is easy to use — even for children



### Dependable service

- ▶ Underwriters Laboratories (U.L.)-listed monitoring centers and security equipment
- ▶ Dedicated to rapid response and peace of mind 24 hours a day



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**85%** of police officials surveyed believe alarms deter burglary attempts.<sup>1</sup>



**84%** of all fire related deaths occur in the home.<sup>2</sup>

## Home Security Tips

You probably don't like to think about crime — but no matter where you live, your income or your lifestyle — crime is a fact of life. That doesn't mean you're defenseless, though.

Put the following tips into action along with the monitored Brink's Home Security® system to help make your family and home safer and more secure.

### ▶ Keep shrubbery trimmed

Thick shrubbery and trees cover your windows, allowing burglars to work undetected. Plant thorny bushes around windows and walkways.

### ▶ Install peepholes on all exterior doors

Always ask for identification from repair and service representatives. Never leave them in your home unsupervised.

### ▶ Be sure your address is visible from the street

A visible address is vital in emergency situations. Install easy-to-read and illuminated numbers.

## Vacation Security Tips

If you are away from your home for an extended period of time, remember these security tips before you leave.

- ▶ Be careful who you tell when you plan to be away from your home. However, alert your neighbors to watch your home.
- ▶ Maintain your lawn before you leave or have someone mow your lawn while you are gone.
- ▶ Do not let deliveries accumulate. Have a neighbor pick up mail, newspapers and packages daily. If that is not possible, stop deliveries so they do not pile up.
- ▶ Ask a neighbor to use your garbage cans. An empty garbage can is a tip-off that you are away.
- ▶ Leave your car in the driveway. This gives the appearance of an occupied house, and prevents burglars from backing up a van for loading.
- ▶ Don't leave keys under your doormat, flower pot or window ledge – intruders check these first.
- ▶ Use timers for lights, televisions and sound systems to turn them on and off at different times to give your home a lived-in look while you are away.

## Fire Security Tips

An important part of fire safety is prevention. Listed below are some useful tips to help keep your family and home safe from fire.

### ▶ Install smoke detectors

Every home should be equipped with smoke detectors on every level, particularly outside of sleeping areas. A monitored smoke detector provides a quick link to help in an emergency whether you are at home or away.

### ▶ Test your smoke detectors

Ensure your smoke detectors are tested monthly and batteries are replaced twice a year.

### ▶ Do not overload circuits or sockets

Make sure every room has enough electrical outlets to avoid the need for multiple attachment plugs, which overload the circuits.

### ▶ Plan an escape route

Have an escape route for each area of the home and a designated meeting place outside.