

Crime Prevention & Safety for Seniors



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Crime Prevention & Safety – In Your Home

Electrical Cords & Outlets

- É Place electrical cords out of the flow of traffic.
- É Replace damaged or frayed cords.
- É Ensure electrical outlets have cover plates.



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Electrical Cords & Outlets

- É Replace bulbs with correct type and wattage.
- É Ensure a lamp is easily accessible from your bed at night.
- É Be sure your garage, storage areas and stairs are well lighted.
- É Keep a battery operated flashlight available always.
- É Halogen bulbs can be fire hazards - use energy efficient bulbs.



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Small Appliances

- É Unplug small appliances when not in use.
- É Never reach into water to get an appliance before unplugging it.
- É Turn heating pad off before going to sleep.
- É Keep space heaters away from furniture and flammable.



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General Safety Tips

- É Never open your door automatically. Install a peep hole & deadbolt lock.
- É Lock your doors and windows.
- É Vary your daily routine.
- É Be a good neighbour. Look out for your neighbourhood.
- É Don't leave notes on the door when going out.
- É Leave lights on when going out at night; use a light timer when away.

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General Safety Tips

- É Notify neighbours and police when you are going away on a trip
- É Cancel deliveries such as newspapers and arrange for someone to mow the lawn
- É Arrange to have your mail held at the post office while away
- É Be wary of unsolicited offers to make repairs to your home

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General Safety Tips

- É Do not hide keys under the mat or in other conspicuous places
- É If you arrive home and suspect a stranger is in the house, DO NOT GO IN. Leave quietly and call 9-1-1



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