***SAFETY IN THE HOME***

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***1. Get Safety Certificates For Your Home***

Before moving to a new house, it is absolutely necessary to get the house safety certificates. Ask the owner of the house to show you the safety record of the property or if they do not have it, you can always consult a safety engineer to conduct a safety check of the house before your family moves into the new house.

***2. Make Sure Alarms Are In Working Condition***

The alarm system of your home is important to warn you in case of something abnormal happening. Thanks to advancements in technology, there are multiple alarms present in the market, to make your home safe. These alarms are specifically designed to meet your safety needs. For example, the smoke alarm - when it detects abnormal levels of smoke, it beeps and warns you.

 Similarly, motion sensors detect movement in the front and back of your house and notify you in case of disturbances. The carbon monoxide alarm is another great device as excessive release of this gas can be life-threatening if combined with fire or heat. It starts to beep when the level of carbon monoxide in the house exceeds the recommended percentage.

***3. Design An Emergency Exit Plan***

Unexpected situations and circumstances result in accidents. You must have witnessed the emergency exit plans in commercial buildings, but these are now important for your homes too.

A [***Home emergency plan***](https://www.grangeinsurance.com/tips/7-tips-for-creating-a-home-emergency-plan) makes you prepared for any kind of emergency and a safe evacuation. Designing an emergency plan should be an integral part of your home safety rules and it is crucial to make sure your children and other family members are safe all the time.

Besides an emergency plan, it is important to guide every member of the family, including the kids, on what to do in case of an emergency and how to evacuate. In case of any kind of emergency, the first thing to do is to react fast while avoiding panic- teach this to your family too.

Moreover, you must also have emergency equipment in your home. A first aid kit, a fire extinguisher, flashlight, and whistle are some of the gear that comes in handy during an emergency.

 ***4. Keep Your Doors Closed and Locked***

Always keep your main doors closed and locked, no matter how safe the area you are living in. Keeping your doors locked all the time becomes more important when you have little children at home.

 Make a rule that kids can go outside after permission is granted from their parents.  Make sure your children especially those below 5 years are not opening the door when the bell rings. Guide the child to always let an adult person open the door.

 ***5. Keep Medicines In A Safe Cabinet***

Never leave your medicines where children can reach them. Keep them in a safe and secure place, away from the reach of your children.

***6. Keep The Floor Dry***

A wet floor can be very dangerous.  Most of the accidents happen on wet floors. So make sure to keep them dry all the time. Teach your children too, to make sure they do not spill water or drinks while eating.

***7. Turn On Security Lights At Night***

The best time for intruders to break into the house is nighttime. So make a habit to turn ON the security lights at night to make the visibility clear even for security cameras installed.

***8. Keep The Laundry Room Locked***

There are certain rooms in the house, like the laundry, the garage, and the attic, that need to be kept locked so that kids don’t get into dangerous objects. Make sure that you let your kids know that these places are out of bounds.

***9. Babyproof Your Home***

Do you have kids under 2 at your home? If yes, then baby-proof everything! Include the electric sockets, the cabinets, the furniture, the appliances, stairs, bathrooms, and window blinds. You must survey your home and identify areas that need baby-proofing.

***10. Never Share Your Personal Information On The Internet***

This is one of the most important safety tips for today. Keep your family and children safe by never sharing your personal information on the internet. You never what kind of criminals and creeps are lurking on the internet, so better be safe!

These ten tips are a great start to a home safety checklist. Make sure to go through each and check them off as you finish them. Stay safe!

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