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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 her/his 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 the 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 telephone while away. An unanswered telephone 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 Bank-issued safe deposit box.
9. Double check sheds, windows, garage doors, basement windows and any other areas into which a burglar might get.
10. Burglars like to work quickly. Deadbolt locks, window locks and 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 first and then **Mastic Beach Village Public Safety (281-2326)** if anything out of the ordinary or suspicious is observed.