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**Protecting your
home while
travelling**

Top Ten Tips

Getting away provides an opportunity to relax. Avoid unnecessary worry by leaving your home safe and secure with our top ten tips for home security while travelling.

1. Lock all doors and windows, even those high off the ground and skylights. Ensure sheds and garages are secure.
2. Remove hidden keys from around the front door and other hiding spots.
3. Tidy the yard, mow the lawns, trim the trees and don't leave ladders or gardening equipment laying out.
4. Put your lights on a timer so people think you are home.
5. Get your mail held at the post office or organise for a friend to pick it up while you are away.
6. Make sure your bill payments are up to date.
7. Test your home smoke detector and unplug any unnecessary electrical items.
8. Check and repair taps that may be dripping.
9. Avoid discussing your plans on social media.
10. Ask a trustworthy neighbour or friend to check on your home – give them a list of your contact details in case of an emergency.

