



## **Home Security Tips**

### **Tips for Keeping Your Home and Family Safe and Secure:**

1. Inspect smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for dust and lint build up that can hinder sensors.
2. Whether you are buying, building or just remodeling your home make sure to select roofing that is fire resistant.
3. If possible, install a locked mailbox at your home and never put outgoing mail containing personal information in an unsecured out-box or in your mailbox for pick up.
4. To help prevent tipping off burglars, if you plan to be away from home for an extended period of time, set your phone ringer to the lowest volume.
5. Never leave notes on your door for service people or visitors when you are not home. It's a signal to burglars that the home is empty.
6. Do not use indoor extension cords outdoors. A safe outdoor cord will read "Suitable for Use with Outdoor Appliances."
7. If your power goes out, a full freezer can hold food safely for up to 48 hours.
8. Never attempt to charge non-rechargeable batteries. Attempting to recharge non-rechargeable batteries could cause the batteries to explode.
9. Oily rags can easily combust, even without being exposed directly to a flame. Hang them outside to dry, and then throw them away in a metal can with a lid when finished.