



Safety Corner

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HOME SAFETY

Home is a place to relax, play and enjoy spending time with family. Of course, accidents happen and there will be minor scrapes and bruises along the way, especially as kids grow and discover new things. And that's OK. The problem is the more serious injuries that are often completely preventable. Remember these simple tips:

- Keep police and emergency numbers near your telephone.
- Lock all doors and windows whenever you leave. Take your keys with you, even if you are just going down the hall to the bathroom, showers, lounge, or if you plan to leave for only a short while.
- Keep all doors and windows locked whenever possible, especially when sleeping.
- Do not lend your keys to service people or anyone whom you do not know well or trust.
- Do not attach your name or address to your key chain.
- Before allowing visitors to enter your room, always know who they are by asking for identification. Do not rely on a chain lock to prevent entry; it is not sufficient protection.
- Do not open your door if a stranger asks to use your telephone. Instead, offer to call for emergency assistance for him or her.
- Always carry identification with you.
- Report any suspicious or unusual activities immediately to your local police

AT HOME:

- Inspect smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for dust and lint build up that can hinder sensors.
- 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
- 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

DIGITAL SAFETY

- **Financial:** Review your financial and billing statements frequently; Monitor your credit history and place fraud alerts on your credit file to protect against identity theft; and Check for "https" in the web address. The website address to secure web pages begin with "https" (compared to "http").
- **Unauthorized Access to Devices:** When possible, access the Internet from behind a firewall. This will help prevent hackers from accessing your personal information and files; Avoid strangers on social media; and protect your mobile devices. Use the auto-lock feature, and be aware of the apps you download.
- **Personal Data & Information:** Backup critical data regularly with a flash drive or a software backup service; Watch out for phishing scams or fraudulent emails and websites that pose as legitimate businesses; Strengthen your passwords and change them periodically; and Install trusted online security software to protect your computer and mobile devices from viruses, spyware and more.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

1ST QUARTER DINNER WINNER

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One earnest worker can do more by personal suggestion to prevent accidents than a carload of safety signs.
~*Making Paper*, January 1923, edited by E.R. Brown