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Essential Home Security Tips: Protecting Your Space

- Use a deadbolt on your exterior doors. The locks should be changed when you first move in.
- Secure windows and doors that open to balconies or terraces with locks. Additionally, you can add after market window and door locks for added security
- Never hide keys under doormats, potted plants or anywhere else thieves may think to look.
- Engrave items of value with a unique identifier such as your Idaho Drivers License number.
- Do not leave a note on your front door indicating your absence. If going on vacation, leave exterior lights on and ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home.
- If you are home and suspect that someone is trying to break in, leave immediately if possible. Then call the police using 9-1-1.
- If you find or suspect that your home has been burglarized, do not enter. Leave everything as you found it and call the police.
- Lighting is a good deterrent. Have bright exterior and interior lighting that turn on at random time intervals. Many smart plugs can accomplish this.
- Close drapes or blinds.
- Advise your manager or neighbors of any travel plans. You can also request to have your mail delivery suspended while you are gone.