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Honeymoon Home Security Checklist

The last thing a new couple wants to worry about is their homes being burglarized while on a honeymoon. Unfortunately, the months of July and August have the highest rates of break-ins, according to the FBI.

[Protection 1](http://www.protection1.com/), <http://www.protection1.com/> the nation's second largest electronic security company, offers the following summer checklist to ensure your readers' homes are safe and secure.

1. Secure all windows, including those upstairs and reduce the chance of easy entry by cutting tree limbs away from second-story windows;
2. Remove objects that might allow access to your home, such as ladders or trash cans that could be used to enter a window or scale a fence;
3. Do not leave Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus posts letting people know that you will be out of town;
4. Turn your telephone ringer down, so no one outside can hear repeated rings, and review your answering machine message to make sure it does not imply you are away;
5. Make sure to have all mail, newspapers and deliveries stopped or picked up during all travel by a neighbor, friend or relative;
6. Never leave a key hidden outside. Burglars know all the best hiding places;
7. Have a friend move your car occasionally if it is parked in the driveway;
8. Use timers to operate lights;
9. Consider having a professionally monitored security system installed that will dispatch the authorities in the event of a break-in or fire. Web-based security systems can even send vacationers email and text-message alerts of security events on their smart phones or laptops, and allow you to check in through video cameras.

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