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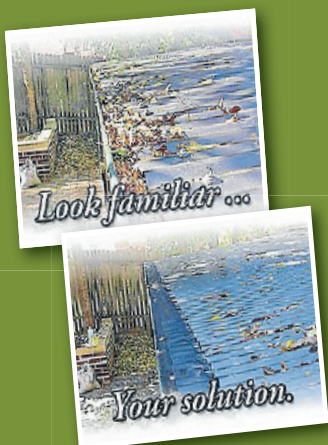
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Tips to keep safe this fire season

Know what to do

Make sure all family members know what to do in the event of a fire. Draw a floor plan with at least two ways of escaping every room. Make a drawing for each floor. Dimensions do not need to be correct. Make sure the plan shows important details: stairs, hallways and windows that can be used as fire escape routes.

- Test windows and doors - do they open easy enough? Are they wide enough? Or tall enough?
- Choose a safe meeting place outside the house
- Practice alerting other members. It is a good idea to keep a bell and flashlight in each bedroom



Be careful of candles

Never leave lit candles unattended as it is easy for them to fall over and catch alight. Leave any lit candles well clear of curtains or blinds.



Clear your gutters

Dried leaves that clog your gutters up can become a massive fire hazard. With regular fires common throughout summer, your house is at a greater risk if your gutters and valleys on your roof contain too much leaf litter or dried debris.

If a bushfire approaches...

Leave early

The safest option during a bushfire is always to leave early.

You must decide what your trigger will be to signal to you that it is time to leave. You need to decide your own triggers, depending on your own situation.

Triggers could be a range of things such as a fire danger rating of catastrophic or extreme, or a fire in the vicinity of your home.

Regardless of what your trigger is, it must be something that happens long before your safety is threatened by a fire.

When you leave, you need to make sure you're going somewhere that is safer. Places you could go might be a friend or relative's house or a shopping centre away from bushland - which isn't going to be affected by a fire.

Before you go, contain any animals in a well cleared fenced-in area. Never turn animals out on the road to run free. This is dangerous not only for them but also for firefighters and other people on the road.



Install smoke detectors

Without a form of smoke alarm it makes it very difficult for the occupants of the house to know when there is a fire around. If you don't have one, get one!

Available from all good hardware stores.



Fire safety measures that should be included in your home:

- Every house or home unit should have an adequate number of approved (AS3786) working smoke alarms installed that are tested regularly
- There should be smoke alarms on every level of your home
- Know two safe ways out of every room - remember, every second counts
- Draw your escape plan on paper and discuss and practice the plan with your family
- Make sure each and every window and door can be quickly opened if and when required
- Make sure keys to all locked doors are readily accessible
- Being physically impaired or frail due to advanced age can significantly affect your ability to survive if unfortunate enough to be caught in a home fires

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Don't be a victim this summer

THERE is no denying that summer is here, and cooling down can be a hassle.

But leaving windows and doors open can be worrying because of thieves.

If you feel like you need to cool down by getting some natural wind into the house, then make sure your gauze doors and windows are closed, safely secured and locked.

If you are at one end of the house, make sure the rest of the doors and windows are closed and locked.

Because it is also Christmas, putting decorative bells on windows and doors can help you hear when something is being opened and it will also get you into the festive spirit.

No matter what the obstacle, thieves will still try and break-in if they have their eyes set on your possessions.

It's the perfect time to think smart about where you place your Christmas tree and presents this year.

Make sure the corner you choose is out of sight to the road and that you turn the lights off before going to bed, for both security and fire safety.

If you are planning a trip away from your home this Christmas and New Year make sure you lock-up.

It is also handy to have a friend or other family member to regularly check-up on your home, just to be sure.

You could always ask someone to house sit, which makes sure there is always someone or activity going on.

NRMA provided statistics that were far from reassuring:

One in four Australian households have been burgled and there are over 10,000 house fires every year leading to death and injury.

An NRMA spokesperson said monitored home security systems were the most effective way of keeping out burglars.

Here are some tips from NRMA to secure your home:

A combination of simple measures can help safeguard your home...

- Install a burglar alarm. NRMA Home Security offers a range of affordable options

- Lock-up every time you leave - windows and doors

- Lock your side gates, garden shed and garage. Always

lock doors between your house and garage

- Install movement-activated sensor lights and trim trees and shrubs, close to windows and doors that provide cover for intruders

- List all your valuable items, photograph antiques and jewellery and keep receipts with your list to help with insurance claims

- Make sure your home contents insurance policy is current. And that you're insured for the right amount to cover the replacement cost of your contents at today's prices

- Don't leave spare keys outside. Burglars know all the hiding spots

- Don't advertise that you're out or away. Whether you're away for a day or two or a few weeks, try and keep your home looking as lived-in as possible

- Don't advertise your possessions. Don't leave the box of your new TV outside the house, cut it up and recycle.

Stay safe over the Christmas holidays and enjoy the rest of the year, break-in free.



HAVE YOU GOT THE RIGHT COVER?

Along with taking all possible precautions to keep your home safe, it's equally important to make sure you have the right insurance cover. Losing your home or possessions to fire, theft or damage can be very traumatic. It could be even more traumatic if you don't have enough insurance to replace everything you've lost. It's easy to underestimate how much cover you need, especially if you renew your policy each year without including the cost of new purchases or renovations. We suggest you take a little time to think about what it would cost to replace your home and possessions at today's prices.

At NRMA we can assist you by accurately calculating the value of home and contents. This can be done by calling in to our office.



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BEEN BURGLED ONCE ALREADY?

If you have been burgled once, your home is more likely to be broken into again. Thieves will often come back within 3 months, giving you time to replace all the things they stole. Take all the precautions you can to keep them out.

SAFEGUARD YOUR POSSESSION

Keep a record (preferably not kept at your property) of the serial and model numbers of your household goods. Photograph your valuables, especially jewellery and works of art. Although these measures won't prevent the goods from being stolen, they will help in identifying and reclaiming the goods if they are recovered.

HOW SECURE IS YOUR HOME?

Is your house number clearly visible from the street? Yes No
Do you have an automatic light timer or sensor activated lights? Yes No
Are your doors fitted with a safety deadlock/deadbolt? Yes No
Are your windows fitted with key operated locks? Yes No

Are your louvre windows fitted with bars or grilles? Yes No
Are your locks keyed alike so that one key opens all windows? Yes No

If you answered NO to any of these questions, you should review your security needs.