

Personal Safety & Security While at Home



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The [Federal Protective Service](#) is committed to ensuring the safety and security of those who visit and work in Federal facilities. As co-chair of the [Government Services and Facilities Sector](#), FPS promotes security and resilience by sharing information and resources with state, local, tribal, and territorial government personnel, as well as for the essential functions they perform. Listed below are best safety practices we encourage all federal government employees to follow while at home.

- Practice alternate commuting routes to and from work and leave at alternating times when possible.
- Regularly check all home windows, doors, and gates to make sure they lock and are in working condition. Consider investing in deadbolt locks for easily accessible doors and windows.
- Make sure all identification cards, such as drivers licenses and government ID cards, as well as bank information, are out of sight. This will help prevent identity theft and unamortized access to your financial assets.
- Keep your personal keys with you at all times.
- Avoid speaking about work-related issues and projects while in public, however innocuous the topic may be.
- Use discretion and keep work-related documents concealed. Avoid looking at work-related documents in public commuter spaces.
- Do not share your home address, email address, phone number, or other identifying information on social media.
- Talk with your family members and roommates about home safety and security. Urge them to practice these tips and to never let strangers in your home. Make sure your children know how to dial 911 in case of emergency.
- Consider installing motion sensing external lights and possibly a home alarm system. Home landscaping/trimming can also prevent places of concealment for intruders.
- Consider installing a home camera system, which can help screen who's on your doorstep and help deter theft.
- Always check the identification of maintenance, repair, and utilities staff or request a photo from the service provider to confirm the employee's identity.
- Be alert for unusual activities in your neighborhood and if unfamiliar people are loitering, check with your neighbors or call the police.
- Remember: your personal property can always be replaced. Your safety is most important.

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