

Open House Security



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BEFORE AN OPEN HOUSE



Remove valuables. Secure or remove items of value. Drawers and cabinets are not secure and may not prevent a motivated thief from taking valuables.

ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- Jewelry
- Collectibles
- Mail
- Checkbooks
- Paperwork (tax forms, bank documents)
- Prescription medication
- Small electronics
- Credit cards
- Bills



Remove items that might make a home a target. For example, photographs or documents that might reveal too much about the identity, lifestyle or personal wealth of the owners.



Secure spare keys and garage door openers. These items can be an invitation for a thief to return when there is unlimited access to the home.

DURING AN OPEN HOUSE



Provide extra security on open house day. For multi-level or larger floor plans ask for additional staff to monitor different areas and entrances. Have staff monitor movement and keep track of arrivals, departures and people lingering onsite.

NOTE: Even a good agent can become distracted and lose track of people during an open house. Agents can also be targeted as they often leave property in plain view such as laptops, briefcases, purses and keys.

AFTER AN OPEN HOUSE

When your open house is over, ensure the windows and doors are locked. A thief might unlock a door or window with plans to return at a later time.

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