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Tips for Keeping a Safe, Secure, and Healthy Home

Danger looms everywhere, even in and around your home. You can buy the newest house in the safest neighborhood, but you still need safety and security measures to ensure your family can live healthy and happy. <u>Central Florida Airguns</u> has some tips to help you keep your home safe.

Install a Doorbell Camera

Doorbell cameras are a common choice for porch monitoring, and their popularity doesn't seem to be waning. Connected to your home's WiFi, the system will send a notification to your smartphone when someone approaches your front door. Whether you are home or away, you can watch a live feed of the activity and even communicate with the person outside your home. These systems are <u>great for deterring porch pirates</u> and screening visitors.

Get Smarter Security

If you live and work at home, you have a lot to protect in one space. Your business tools and equipment, along with your personal property, are tempting to thieves. Your porch light may not be enough to deter creative criminals. Investing in <u>a customized integrated system</u> can provide you with essential security and additional safety features such as:

- Security and fire notifications
- Video surveillance and analytics
- HVAC controls
- Equipment shut down

However, you can DIY your own security system to get good coverage without the monthly fees. There are great <u>independently operated security cameras</u> that record to the cloud and provide live feeds via smartphone apps. Plus, they are easy to troubleshoot if there are complications.

Create Reminders

Using a free online tool to create a poster with reminders for security behaviors is an effective and engaging way to promote safety in your home. These tools offer user-friendly interfaces that allow you to design custom posters tailored to your specific security needs. You can <u>add your own text and photos</u>, ensuring that the messages are clear, concise, and relevant. Whether it's reminders to lock doors, change passwords regularly, or monitor surveillance cameras, the text can be tailored to emphasize these key behaviors. The process of designing these posters is not only simple but also allows for creative expression, resulting in a unique and personalized way to reinforce important security practices.

Landscape Outdoor Areas

Home safety is not just about securing the inside of your dwelling. If you also have outdoor space, attention to detail is key to keeping you safe from <u>several types of threats</u>. Criminals are attracted to secluded homes without a clear line of sight to the street. Large trees and high bushes near the roof or windows may cause damage during severe weather. High grass and cluttered yards can attract dangerous wildlife. Proactively addressing these concerns and caring for your property can ensure your home is fortified and your family is safe.

Move Somewhere Safer

When properties in your area are up for sale or rent, you can't choose your neighbors. If you don't feel safe in your current location, then consider moving. Larger rental communities

and HOAs often come with fairly robust security systems and many include actual security personnel. Whether it's a long or short term move, <u>renting in one of these areas</u> could give you the peace of mind you need.

Declutter Inside and Out

Excessive furniture, toys, and knickknacks take up space and <u>collect harmful pollens and</u> <u>dust</u>. Additionally, in homes where small children or elderly residents dwell, clutter can impede mobility and become a tripping hazard. Even outdoor décor choices, such as large clay pots framing the porch steps, can cause severe injury to someone falling down the stairs.

Hide or Cover Cords

Natural light may help you look fresh and awake during your weekly Zoom meetings, but if there's no outlet near the window in your office, you might <u>reconsider your desk</u> <u>placement</u>. If you must have your computer plugged in across the room, consider buying a cord cover to protect yourself and your loved ones from unnecessary mishaps.

Get an Annual Gas Safety Inspection

Some potential dangers are not so easily detected. <u>Deadly gas leaks can happen anytime</u>, so it's essential to be proactive and schedule annual safety checks. Having a detailed inspection report will provide you with peace of mind knowing your family is safe. If at any time you notice an unusual or unpleasant smell, you should leave the property and call your gas company immediately.

Focus on Air Quality

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, <u>indoor pollution can be more</u> <u>dangerous</u> to your health than outdoor pollution. To improve the air quality inside your house and boost your lung health, you should implement a few simple and natural techniques:

- Use green, non-toxic cleaning product
- Keep house plants
- Replace your HVAC filter with an activated charcoal filter
- Open your windows twice a week
- Install a probiotic air purifier

Make Safety Your Priority

When you own a home, safety should be your main objective. Protecting your property (which might include adding a top-notch security system or addressing air quality), business, and family is a priority you should not ignore.

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