

ORGANIZING SAFETY IN YOUR NEW HOME

When moving into your new home there are so many details to organize from landscaping to decorating but one thing that cannot be overlooked is safety. You need to concern yourself with action plans and safety procedures to ensure you will live a safe and secure life in your new home.

EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

Make sure your fire extinguishers are in easily accessible areas that are near heating sources like stoves and heaters. Be sure they are easy to reach for everyone in your home including children. Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors save lives so be sure you have at least one of each installed on every level in the home and aim to test them weekly. Make sure your first aid kit is in a place where everyone can get at it easily and quickly and that it is well stocked.

NEXT FLOOR PLEASE

If you have an upstairs, you should own at least one escape ladder. These are essential if ever trapped on a second level especially in the case of fire. If you have small children you might opt to install window security bars. These adjustable bars prevent children from falling out of windows and also protect your home from intruders getting in.

DOUBLE SAFE

Many homeowners have security systems installed and they can offer many features to keep your family safe while away or at home. If you have valuables or original business documents that you need to protect store them in water and fireproof boxes for safe keeping. Another item you can consider is security lighting. To alert you of approaching guests or animals, you can install a motion detector light outside. If you are away from your home in the evenings frequently, have your lights, indoor and outdoor, set on timers to imitate activity in your home.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

All of the safety items mentioned will make your home safer but your whole family must know how to use them in order to be safe. I recommend having 'Safety Drills' twice a year. Pick Daylight Savings Days to change batteries of flashlights, alarms, go over escape plans and refresh your memory on the use of items like the fire extinguisher. Children should know where to go, like a neighbour's home if there is an emergency.

Keeping safe in your new home is a serious topic but one that is critical. Check your local hardware store for safety supplies to make sure you are well equipped. By organizing emergency plans now you will give your family the best chance against any crisis.