

# Mortgages

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## You're moved in. Congratulations! Think Safety First

### Safety List:

- ❑ **New Locks:** If you're moving into an existing home, there could be many people who have keys to your new home such as babysitters, dog walkers and housekeepers. Play it safe, change the locks on all exterior doors.
- ❑ **Extra Keys:** Make sure a neighbour and/or family members have an extra set of keys to your home in the event of an emergency.
- ❑ **Smoke Detectors:** Make sure your new home has smoke dictators in the kitchen, hallways, basement and garage. If the house already has smoke detectors, change all batteries and have spare batteries at hand.
- ❑ **Fire Extinguishers:** Be prepared. Make sure you have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen, basement, and garage. If you have children between the age of 10 and 18 in the home, teach them how to use the fire extinguisher.
- ❑ **Flashlights:** In the event of a power outage, place flashlights each bedroom and near outside doors. Keep spare batteries at hand. If you have small children or seniors living in the home, a flashlight can bring comfort. Place a flashlight in your car in case you return home during a power outage.
- ❑ **Plug-in night-lights:** Place nightlights in dark hallways and in bathrooms. This insures a lighted area when you come home and helps little one find their way to the bathroom.
- ❑ **Ladders:** Have step ladder handy for the kitchen pantry and garage areas. Using a chair to stand on can result in injury.
- ❑ **Motion Detector Lighting:** Coming home late at night to a dark driveway is not safe. Install motion-detecting lighting so your walk from the car to the door is safely lit. Make sure you have proper exterior lighting as well by doors and porches.
- ❑ **Garage door opener:** When the weather is inclement, pulling into a dry warm garage can be not only safe but also convenient.
- ❑ **Security System:** The best way to insure you safety is a security system. You can install your own or hire a professional service. If you are looking for a more economical alternative, component alarms can be purchased for individual doors and windows.

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