



# HOME SAFES

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Investing in a home safe(s) is the easiest way to secure your documents, credit cards, extra keys, jewelry and cash. **Make sure the safe is bolted to the wall or floor** so a thief cannot easily remove it.

1	<b>STORE YOUR EXTRA CREDIT CARDS</b> that are not needed on a daily basis. The practice of selecting only the cards you need and leaving the others in a safe could save you a ton of trouble if someone robs you or steals your identity.
2	<b>YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD</b> is the one form of ID every thief cherishes. Secure your social security card inside a safe. There is no need to ever keep it in your wallet.
3	<b>FIREARMS &amp; AMMUNITION.</b> Never store a firearm loaded because in a fire all the cartridges can cook off and be discharged. <b>Always store firearms and ammunition in a fire resistant safe.</b>
4	<b>MAKE A RECORDING OF YOUR STUFF</b> is another way to insure the value of your belongings. You can use your smartphone to record your possessions and then place the recording on a retrievable file or upload to the cloud as a back-up. In case of fire/theft you will have a record to prove to your insurance company what items are missing.  <b>Note:</b> <i>Some police services rent or loan etching equipment for you to mark an ID number or names on your personal property. This makes identification easier following a theft.</i>

**If there are any suspicious activities please call 911, which is the plan behind our Neighborhood Watch program.**

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