

Vacations + Fun = Memories

Vacations = False Alarm Activations

Review the checklist before your departure!!

- ✓ All key holders should know how to properly operate your security alarm system and to cancel accidental alarm activations.
- ✓ Ensure your contact list is up-to-date with your alarm company and the False Alarm Reduction Unit.
- ✓ Advise your alarm company of your upcoming schedule and how you can be reached during your vacation.
- ✓ Advise the individuals on your emergency contact list of your departure and arrival, plus obtain their availability to respond to your home in your absence.
- ✓ Ensure all doors and windows are locked and secure.
- ✓ Annual maintenance to your alarm system can prevent false alarms:
 - Alarm system batteries must operate for a minimum of four (4) hours for power outages (Section 8.1-3.5 of the County Code of Fairfax Security Alarm Systems)
 - Motion detectors are free of dirt and cobwebs
 - All window and door contacts are firmly in place

Vacations can be costly; prevention equals savings and reduction of false alarms.

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