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Protect your home from thieves this travel season

Raleigh, NC – July 7, 2017 – Summer is vacation season, and unfortunately, a vacant home can present additional risks for homeowners and renters.

“Especially during peak travel season, you want to make sure that your home isn’t a target for thieves when you’re away on vacation,” said Russ Dubisky, a spokesman for the Insurance Federation of North Carolina (IFNC).

Whether you are away from home for a week or just a few hours, the following tips will help protect your property against potential burglars:

- Keep your home well lit. Use exterior lighting and put interior lights on a timer.
- Securely lock doors and windows and put deadbolt locks on all exterior doors. Make sure your doors are strong and in good condition.
- Set a burglar alarm. Most burglars avoid homes with alarm systems, and having one may qualify you for an insurance discount.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed below window level.
- Keep important documents and other valuables hidden or locked in a safe.
- Don’t broadcast your absence in a voice mail or e-mail greeting, or share your travel plans on social media such as Facebook.
- If possible, have a friend or family member check on the house regularly while you’re away.

Dubisky added, “It’s also important to remember that while theft of personal possessions and damage to the home caused by a break-in is covered by a standard homeowners’ insurance policy, there can be some coverage limitations on some of your more expensive items.”

Many insurance policies limit coverage for items such as jewelry and artwork. However, additional coverage is available for these items. Review your policy with your agent or company and ask for coverage options and quotes.

For more information from the Insurance Federation of North Carolina, or to schedule an interview, call (919)539-1375.

The Insurance Federation of North Carolina (IFNC) is a trade association established in 2004 by the leading property and casualty insurance companies doing business in North Carolina. IFNC serves as the voice for the industry on legislative and regulatory matters and promotes consumer awareness on issues of importance to the property and casualty insurance industry.

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