



## News Release

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### **Free home inventory app can save time, money, and offer peace of mind**

**Raleigh, N.C. – March 30, 2017** – Spring has finally arrived, along with dust and pollen that sends us scurrying to clean up around the house. As you do your spring cleaning, the Insurance Federation of North Carolina (IFNC) encourages consumers to use the opportunity to create or update their home inventories.

A home inventory is a list of all your personal possessions and their estimated value – all the things you would want to replace if your home was damaged or destroyed.

“An up-to-date home inventory is a great way to determine how much insurance coverage you need adequately cover the contents of your home” said Russ Dubisky, a spokesman for the IFNC. “In the wake of a disaster, you can rely on your inventory to help remember and replace everything that was lost.”

**The Insurance Information Institute offers the award-winning “Know Your Stuff – Home Inventory App” free of charge.** The software guides you through the process of listing possessions room by room, and the inventory is stored remotely on a secure server. Then, if your home suffers a loss, you will not have to rely on your home computer or notebook for the inventory. It is password-protected and can be accessed anytime, from a number of different ways. For more information, visit <https://knowyourstuff.org/>.

“Know Your Stuff” allows you to update your inventory at any time and has a feature that will send you updates that remind you about scheduled home maintenance chores.

It is good to keep a file of receipts for large purchases, but these can be recorded in your computerized list, while digital photos and video can be added to enhance the inventory. When making a record of possessions, it is important to note expensive items such as jewelry, furs and collectibles since they may require additional insurance. It is also important to make note of more commonplace items such as toys, clothing, and even kitchen equipment and linens since the cost of replacing these items can really add up if you suffer a major disaster.

#### **The Insurance Federation of North Carolina advises homeowners to:**

- Compile a list of serial numbers, model numbers, purchase prices and dates (when possible).
- Keep a file of sales receipts or appraisals (especially important for electronics, jewelry, artwork and other expensive items).

- Update your home inventory regularly, especially after a new purchase, and store the inventory somewhere safe.

*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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