



Top Tips for Safer Travels

'Tis the season to be jolly and nothing says holiday like celebrating with friends and family, decking the porch with boughs of holly, or going on a much-needed vacation. Before you depart, follow these tips to ensure you and your home remain safe from theft and Mother Nature's elements while you're away. If you're unsure of your coverage, contact your broker today.

Home Safety

- Arrange for mail pick-up in your absence
- Hire a snow removal company
- Put holiday lights on a timer
- Ensure you're totally covered for flooding in case of a sudden thaw
- Put anti-freeze in your pipes to prevent them from freezing
- Unplug unnecessary electronics



Travel

If you're flying:

- Purchase cancellation insurance
- Purchase travel insurance
- Make sure you have medical coverage
- Decorate your suitcase with stickers and ribbons so it stands out on the carousel
- Make sure your address and phone number are on your luggage tag
- Place a lock on your suitcase
- Give yourself ample time to get to the airport

If you're driving:

- Take your car for a tune-up before your trip
 - Check brakes
 - Make sure wipers work
 - Change oil
 - Check lights
- Make sure you have winter tires
- Fill up on washer fluid and gas
- Check your tire pressure
- Drive slowly and beware of black ice
- Pack a car care kit that includes:
 - First aid kit
 - Bag of gravel/kitty litter in case you find yourself stuck and need traction
 - Hazard signs/ road flares
 - Phone charger/ battery pack
 - Bottled water
 - Food that wont spoil, such as granola bars
 - Emergency blanket
 - Whistle
 - Jumper cables
 - Wind-up flashlight

