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# BASIC SECURITY PRECAUTIONS WHEN YOU LIVE IN A REMOTE AREA

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## Do the following to ensure safety and security in remote areas:

- Know your neighbours and maintain good relations with them.
- Know which security services and community-based crime prevention initiatives are available in your area, and know how to reach them in case of an emergency.
- Have the contact details of the security companies, community-based watches, emergency services and the police station, readily available.
- Have alternative means of communication in case the telephone lines and cellular phones are not working.
- Become part of the crime prevention programmes initiated by the South African Police Service, and the community.
- Have sound relationships with all role players involved, and know who to contact in case of an emergency.
- Consider establishing a neighbourhood watch in your area, or become involved in the existing neighbourhood watch.
- Participate in simulation exercises with the South African Police Service to test the effectiveness of the response to incidents.
- Maintain sound safety measures and habits at home, and inform your neighbours,

the South African Police Service and the community-based watches of any suspicious behaviour and activities in your area.

- Ensure that all doors (including security and garage doors), are locked at all times, and that windows are closed when you are inside or not at home.
- Keep a register with the details of all persons on the premises, including workers, and do not allow unnecessary access to the premises.
- Regularly clear the area around your house of bushes and clean the premises and all possible hiding places. Lock away all tools and implements.
- Be vigilant and ensure that all persons on the premises, including workers and visitors, are also vigilant and know what to do in case of suspicious behaviour and/or an emergency.
- Do not react blindly to any suspicious activities, especially not at night.
- Do not keep a large sum of cash and/or valuables on the premises.
- Ensure that additional safety measures have been implemented if you are selling any products from the premises.

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