



# Umgijimi The **EHB** Newsletter

# Home Safety Tips for the Festive Season



#### **Dear Client,**

As the festive season approaches, we want to ensure that your holidays are not only joyful but safe as well. At Eswatini Housing Board, your security is our priority, and we'd like to share some important tips to help you keep your homes secure during this season of celebration.

#### Silence is Security

While it's natural to be excited about your festive plans, exercise caution when discussing them to avoid unintentionally revealing your absence. It's advisable to also resist sharing details of your holiday plans on social media until you return home. If you do mention it on social media, make sure that your security settings don't allow members of the public to see your status updates.

#### Stay Vigilant

Pay close attention to any unusual activities within your residential area. If you notice anything suspicious, promptly report it to the security personnel assigned to your complex. Your alertness contributes to a safer living environment for everyone around you.

# Neighbourly Help

Consider informing a trusted neighbour or friend about your plans and request them to keep an eye on your property. Ask them to open some curtains and windows during the day and to close them again at night, this will help to create the illusion that someone is home.

# **Unplug Electronics**

While disconnecting the electronics may not discourage burglars, it can prove to be a wise financial decision. Surprisingly, devices like televisions, computers, and microwaves continue to consume energy even when in standby mode. Unplugging isn't just a good way to save cash, but it can protect your appliances against power surges, potentially safeguarding your home from an electrical fire.

# **Keep it Out of Sight**

Ensure anything of value is hidden from view and securely stored. Conceal valuables such as jewellery, laptops, and other items that might catch a burglar's eye or tempt them to break in. The same applies to your vehicle, any purchased items should not be visible through your windows.

# **Be Considerate**

Additionally, we kindly remind everyone to be respectful and considerate of their neighbours. Keep noise levels down, and please note that parties and the use of firecrackers are prohibited to ensure a peaceful and secure environment for all.

Together, let's prioritise the safety and well-being of our community by implementing these security measures collectively.

Wishing you a joyful and secure festive season!

Kind regards, The Luphahla Team