



IF YOU BUY

- ~~✍~~ Change all door locks.
- ~~✍~~ Install smoke detectors on each level of the home. Ensure that there is a smoke detector outside all sleeping areas. Replace batteries in any existing detectors and test them. Make a note to replace the batteries again in one year.
- ~~✍~~ Create a plan of action in the event of a fire in your home. Ensure that there is an operable window or door in every room of the house. Consult with your local fire department regarding fire safety issues and what to do in the event of a fire.
- ~~✍~~ Check that all windows and doors are secure. Improve window hardware if necessary. Security rods can be added to windows and sliders.
- ~~✍~~ If the home has a programmable thermostat, get the instruction book or ask the owner to explain.
- ~~✍~~ If security lights are on timers, get the instructions.
- ~~✍~~ Garage door openers if so installed.
- ~~✍~~ Instructions for any low voltage yard lights.
- ~~✍~~ Ask for instruction handbooks for all appliances and house systems.
- ~~✍~~ Keys for any padlocked items such as storage sheds or garage doors.
- ~~✍~~ Examine driveways and walkways for trip hazards. Undertake repairs where necessary.
- ~~✍~~ Examine the interior of the home for trip hazards. Loose or torn carpeting and flooring should be repaired.
- ~~✍~~ Undertake improvements to all stairways, decks, porches and landings where there is a risk of falling or stumbling.
- ~~✍~~ Investigate the location of the main shut-offs for the plumbing, heating and electrical systems. If you attended the home inspection, these items would have been pointed out to you.