



TEN IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN HOME ALONE

1. **PHONE LISTS**
Keep a list of important numbers including parents' work numbers, relatives, and trusted friends and neighbors.
2. **LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS**
The most frequent entrance of intruders are back doors and windows.
3. **DON'T SCARE YOURSELF**
Television and movies can create mind monsters. Change the channel or call a friend.
4. **CHECK OUT THE NOISE**
Don't panic! Instead of waiting and wondering, look out the window from a dark room. If the noise is inside, turn on the lights.
5. **ANSWERING THE DOOR**
Never just open the door. Peek out a window to identify the person. If it's a stranger, keep an eye on him/her until he/she leaves.
6. **ANSWERING THE TELEPHONE**
Don't reveal the fact that you are alone. Prepare a response such as, "My mom is busy now. Can I take a message?"
7. **OBSCENE TELEPHONE CALLS**
Don't be fooled by friendly voices that ask a lot of questions about your age, clothing, or private areas of your body. (HANG UP IMMEDIATELY AND ALWAYS REPORT THIS TYPE OF CALL TO YOUR PARENT(S) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.)
8. **DON'T WANDER AWAY FROM YOUR HOUSE**
Always tell someone where you are going and for how long. A parent arriving home will expect the worst if the child is not there when he/she arrives.
9. **BE CAUTIOUS**
Be extra careful when using electrical appliances or anything that can cause a fire.
10. **CALL THE POLICE (OR SHERIFF) FOR ANY EMERGENCY**
In many areas, "911" includes the police, fire, and ambulance service. If this is not the correct number where you live, write it here: _____

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