

Assess home security for safe holidays

The 2007/8 crime statistics released by the SAPS recently show that the incidence of house and business robberies has increased yet again. "To avoid falling victim over the holidays, take a good look at your security measures. If necessary, upgrade these well before security manufacturers close for the annual shutdown period in December," suggests Alvin Marshall, Trellidor Pretoria Branch Manager.

Use the questionnaire at www.trellidor.co.za/trellidor/risk_assessment.asp to help you assess your home security. Check that every door and window is secured with barriers that aren't damaged or corroded. Invest in layers of security starting with high quality barriers on doors and windows, and add further layers such as an alarm when you can.

Trellidor has the technology to provide security barrier options that cater to specialised needs, such as bottom tracks that can be moved out of the way for the disabled and locks that can be

positioned for easy use. "We can also show you how to fit out a room to use as a safe haven in an emergency," said Alvin.

The best advice for a safe holiday is to use the security you already have in place. Close and lock your security doors and set the alarm, even if you're at home.

"It's important for each homeowner to take responsibility for their own security rather than leaving it to the body corporate, homeowners' association or SAPS," advises Alvin. "And if you'd rather leave your home security assessment to professionals, we'd be happy to do this for you free of charge."



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