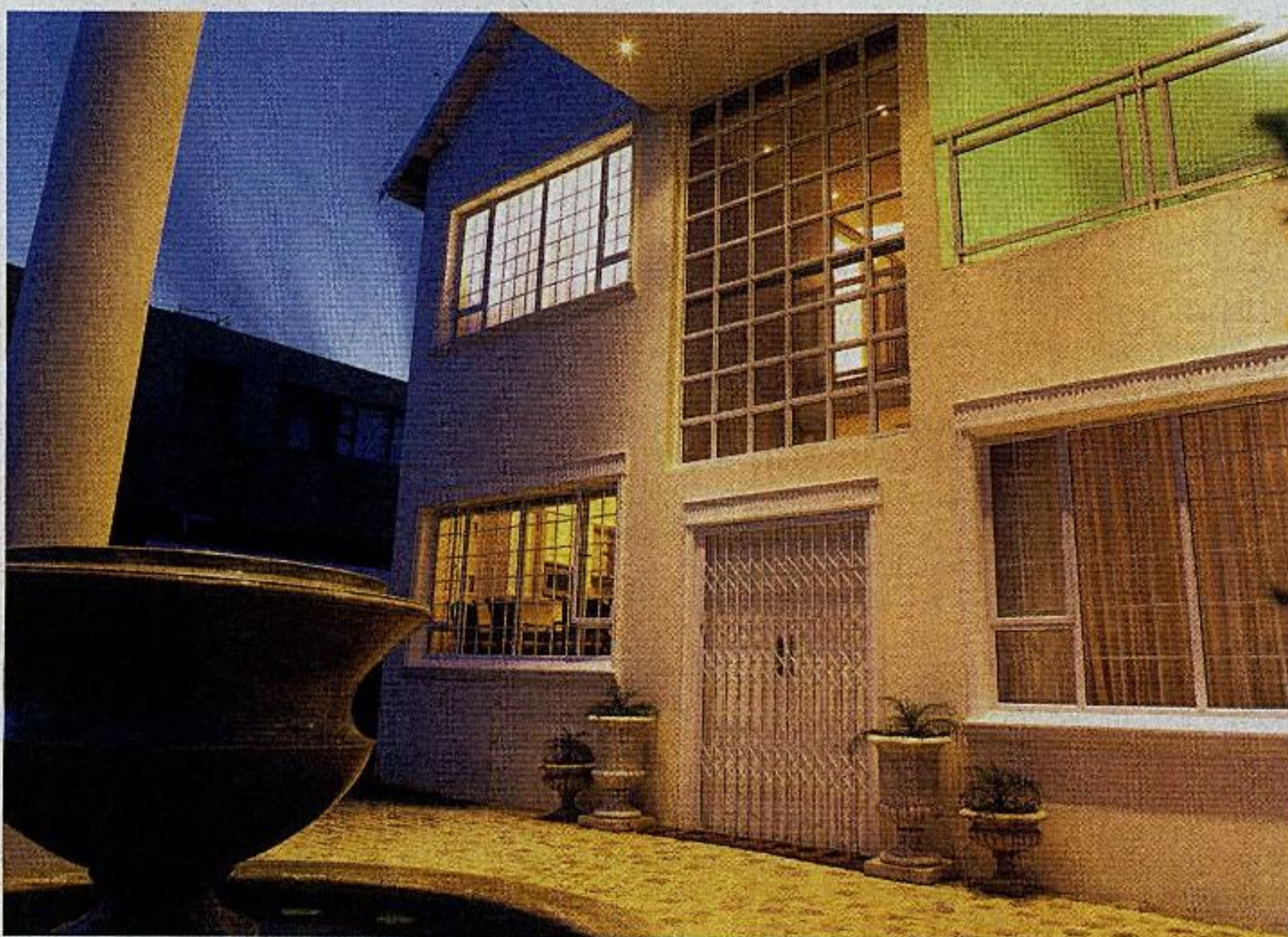


# DO A SECURITY CHECK BEFORE GOING ON HOLIDAY

**C**heck out your home's security before going on holiday to avoid becoming one of the many homes broken into every day in South Africa, suggests Charlene Botha, Trellidor's brand and public relations manager.

"Begin by checking the condition of all

after. Are there signs of wear and tear or weathering? Do you have old-style burglar guards screwed into rotting wooden frames? Rusting screws? Security gates that don't slide easily? Unsecured external doors? Welded units that have loosened over the years? Windows



your burglar guards and security doors to see if any need replacing. Trellidor consultants will help you determine the cost of replacing units in poor condition."

The state of the security will depend on its age and whether it has been looked

without any form of protection?

Test your burglar alarm, particularly if you haven't used it lately, and get your service provider to repair any faulty sensors. Also take a critical look at your perimeter security, particularly hiding places for car hijackers, and take action such as trimming overgrown shrubs.

Make sure you know where all your keys are, both solid door and security door or window keys. If any domestic workers or gardeners have been dismissed lately, change the locks on the doors or security barriers they had access to.

"Use our holiday security checklist to make sure you haven't forgotten anything, and visit our website at [www.trellidor.co.za](http://www.trellidor.co.za) for more tips on staying safe with barrier security," said Charlene.



Install Trellidor to close off access to bedrooms

## TRELLIDOR'S HOLIDAY SECURITY CHECKLIST

- Entire home checked for weak points that need additional security such as new barriers on doors, windows and in passageways. Don't forget outbuildings.
- Alarm tested and in good working order.
- All door and security gate locks tested and keys in safe place.
- All sliding security gates closed and locked.
- Garage doors locked and no automatic gate or garage door controls left lying around.
- Shrubs around entrances trimmed so that they don't offer concealment to intruders and garden tidied to look 'lived in' while residents away.
- Lights connected to timers or movement sensors.
- Newspapers and other home deliveries cancelled for the period residents are away and someone arranged to collect post.
- No cell phones and other small valuables left lying around.
- List of emergency numbers near telephone or programmed into mobile phone e.g. local police station, fire station, ambulance service and letting agent's after hours number.
- Neighbourhood Watch informed of period house will be unoccupied.

### DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE!

Like most manufacturing concerns, Trellidor's factory closes over the traditional shut-down period in December, so make sure you get your security barrier orders in early enough to have them fitted in time for the holidays.

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