



# Summer Travel Safety: A Checklist for When You're Away from Home

**FROM THE LOCAL EXPERTS AT PEAK ALARM—YOUR PARTNER IN YEAR-ROUND HOME SECURITY**

Summers in the Mountain West are made for travel, adventure, and time spent outdoors. But while you're away enjoying the season, your home may be more vulnerable than usual. Burglaries often spike in the summer months, making it important to take a few extra precautions before leaving your home behind.

Whether you're heading out for a weekend getaway or a longer trip, use this checklist to prepare your property.

## Before You Go

### LIGHTING

- ☐ Set up motion-activated or timer-controlled lights to deter nighttime trespassers.
- ☐ Keep pathways, entries, and outdoor areas well-lit to discourage intruders.

### LANDSCAPING

- ☐ Trim overgrown trees and bushes, especially around windows and doors, to eliminate hiding spots.
- ☐ Use strategic landscaping—such as thorny shrubs or gravel beds—to add natural barriers around your property.

### SHEDS, GARAGES, & EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Lock up sheds, garages, and gates—these are common weak points in home security.
- ☐ Secure or store away valuables like bikes, tools, and grills.

### DOORSTEP & ENTRY SECURITY

- ☐ Monitor deliveries and visitors to your home; consider a video doorbell.
- ☐ Avoid hidden spare keys; opt for keypads and smart locks for keyless security.
- ☐ Position any security cameras to monitor driveways, side yards, and entrances.

## PEAK ALARM'S SUMMER SAFETY CHECKLIST

### DOORS & WINDOWS

- ☐ Use deadbolts and window locks—even on upper levels.
- ☐ Update your alarm system codes.
- ☐ Consider window contact sensors or glass-break detectors—especially on the basement and ground levels—to alarm when opened.
- ☐ Consider shatter-resistant window film to deter forced entry.

### SUPPLIES & PREPAREDNESS

- ☐ Keep drinking water on hand, and stay hydrated, even when you're not thirsty.
- ☐ Stock a basic or travel first aid kit.
- ☐ Store important documents and valuables in a fireproof, waterproof safe.

### VEHICLES

- ☐ Service your car before road trips: check tires, brakes, oil, and fluids.
- ☐ Pack or inspect your emergency roadside kit, including a spare tire.
- ☐ Remove or conceal valuables, whether you're taking your car or leaving it behind.

### OCCUPIED APPEARANCE

- ☐ Use smart plugs or timers for indoor lights to mimic daily routines.
- ☐ Keep a car in the driveway (even if it's not your own), or arrange for lawn care.
- ☐ Ask a trusted neighbor to collect your mail and keep an eye on your property.

### ONLINE SHARING

- ☐ Don't advertise your absence—save the vacation posts for when you return.

## Make your summer safe—and your return home worry-free.

For over 50 years, PEAK Alarm has helped Mountain West homeowners protect what matters most. We understand seasonal risks—and how to prevent them.

Before your next trip, schedule a free security assessment by our professionals to uncover vulnerabilities, or explore smart home solutions that let you monitor and protect your property from anywhere.