

# MSU-ES Dawg Tracks



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*Safety Tips to Improve  
Your Home for Safety*



Home is where the heart is! There is an old saying also that when you are home, this is your last place to roam. Both of these are true, so we should keep our homes safe, secure and fit for our family's good life and enjoyment.

Following are 15 ways or tips that we can use to get our homes in good shape for our comfort, enjoyment and safety;

- Install security alarms. Alarms are good to deter and protect from break-ins.
- Install smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. Detectors are a small investment for saving a home or lives.
- Repair worn carpets and broken tiles. Three things can happen as a result of one of the above, an injury, a hospital bill and loss days from the job.
- Install fire escape ladders on high windows.
- Install window guards on high windows.
- Install grab bars in the bathrooms.
- Interrupter (GFCIs) in the bathrooms and kitchen. If you have them all ready, remember to test them periodically.
- Check for mold or condensation in the bathroom and around the windows throughout the house.
- Look for water seepage in the kitchen and bathrooms.
- Upgrade the ventilation in the kitchen and bathroom.
- Repair and/or replace water damaged floors and walls.
- Tighten handrails on staircases.
- Reduce concrete floor dust with water-based wax sealer in the basement.
- Install night lights in selected areas throughout the house.
- Check heating, cooling & hot water equipment for electrical hazards or fire hazards.
- Check insulation around doors and windows. Insulated doors and windows won't keep the burglars out, but will reduce utility bills and increase your comfort levels.

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