

Match the headlines (A-H) to the paragraphs (1-7). There is one extra heading that you do not need to use.

A Keeping it warm

B Home security tips

C Energy saving tips

D Hygiene in the home

E Security and personal safety

F Hidden home hazards

G Secure your home

H Making a home hazard-free

1  The home is full of hidden dangers. Not many people would think that curtains or the TV are especially unsafe. Children, however, can strangle themselves on curtain cords and can be crushed under falling TV sets. So, make sure curtain cords are out of reach of children and attach your TV to the wall.

2  There are many things that you can do to keep your home safe. For example, never hide a pair of house keys in a 'secret' place in your garden. Burglars know where to look! Never give personal information to unidentified telephone callers. And establish a daily routine that ensures that you will never leave your house without first locking all the doors and windows.

3  Germs are not only found in public places but also around the home. Too often, people do not wash their hands after going to the toilet or before preparing food. To keep your home clean, wipe down surfaces regularly using disinfectant and a clean cloth. There is no need to buy expensive disinfectants: vinegar and hot water is a cheap and effective alternative.

4  Burglars prefer houses which are easy to break into. They like to work under the cover of darkness and avoid places where forcing entry would be too noisy or time-consuming. So, install outside lights with motion detectors, invest in a burglar alarm, and put security devices such as bars and locks on windows and doors.

**5**  Every year, millions of children are injured at home. Fortunately, most incidents are easily preventable. Lock cabinets and drawers where medicines and cleaning products are kept. Put child safety gates at the top of the stairs and cover sharp corners and plug sockets to prevent cuts and electrocutions.

**6**  Do you have a high energy bill every month? Well, there are plenty of things you can do to cut down on your energy consumption. Wash your laundry using cold water. Install low-flow showerheads. Identify air leaks in your home and repair them. An easy way to find air leaks is by using a candle. When the flame slants, you have found the air leak.

**7**  Trees in our gardens help to shelter our homes from cold winter winds. Therefore, strategically placed trees can really help stop a house from getting cold. Consult a professional gardener on where to plant trees to best shelter your home.