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Schlage Security Survey Reveals the Key to Home Safety Concerns

In Support of National Crime Prevention Month, Survey Uncovers How Americans Are Keeping Possessions Safe and Maintaining Peace of Mind

CARMEL, Ind., October 1, 2013 – [Schlage](#), America's most trusted lock brand and a brand of Ingersoll Rand, today announced the findings of a nationwide survey that unlocks Americans' concerns about home security and whom they trust to keep their possessions safe.

"As a company that is deeply rooted in safety and security, we know that consumers have a keen focus on safeguarding their tangible assets. October is [National Crime Prevention Month](#), so there's no better time to look into how Americans are safeguarding their families, homes and valuables," said Ann Matheis, Schlage Brand Director. "At Schlage, we pride ourselves on giving consumers confidence in knowing that what's important to them is safe and secure."

The study, conducted by leading third-party research firm [Kelton Global](#), surveyed a nationally representative sample of more than 1,000 Americans ages 18 and older. The results found that:

Americans are most likely to place trust in friends and family to safeguard their homes and provide peace of mind.

- Nearly three out of four (73 percent) respondents would ask friends or family to visit their homes when they are taking a trip, compared to only one-third (34 percent) of individuals who set an alarm to protect their homes in their absence.
- Almost one-third (31 percent) of adults who have spare keys ask relatives to look after them, while 13 percent entrust a friend to safeguard the spare set.
- Of the 80 percent of Americans who have at least one set of spare keys, a majority (46 percent) keep them inside their homes. Far fewer (8 percent) store their spare keys in a secure location, such as a safe deposit box.
- Almost twice as many respondents said they would lock up their valuables at home, rather than move them to another location while on an extended trip (43 percent vs. 27 percent).

While great trust is placed on extended family and friends to keep homes safe and secure, parents admit that they are hesitant to entrust their children with a set of house keys.

- Fifty-six percent of parents who have given their children a set of keys admit that their number one concern is the possibility that their kids will lose or misplace them, leaving the children unable to enter their homes.
- Home security is the second biggest concern, with respondents claiming they would be most troubled that their kids might neglect to lock up when they leave the house.

These findings are consistent with Schlage's internal research that was the driving factor behind the development and introduction of the brand's [Touchscreen Deadbolt](#) lock earlier this year. Redefining what it means to be safe, strong and secure for the last 90 years, Schlage's Touchscreen Deadbolt with Z-Wave® Technology is the preferred choice among homeowners, as it is Schlage's strongest lock on the market today.

Addressing many of the home safety concerns highlighted by the survey, the lock comes fully loaded with the highest grade residential security available. The Touchscreen Deadbolt offers homeowners keyless control, customizable, secure access codes and the potential to access their residences from anywhere. It is the only Z-Wave compatible lock to feature a built-in alarm. The Schlage Touchscreen Deadbolt is available for approximately \$199 – at Amazon.com, Build.com, HomeDepot.com, and Lowes.com. Visit [Schlage.com](#) for additional outlets.

As part of National Crime Prevention Month – recognized in October – Schlage is giving away one free Touchscreen Deadbolt each weekday, beginning October 1 and ending on October 31, via a [Find The Code](#) promotion available on [Schlage.com](#). One lucky winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World®.

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