

HOME SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE TIPS
VILLAS UNIT #37

1. WATER

When leaving your Villa more than 24 hours, turn off your water at the main shut-off valve outside the front door. (See article 5.9 Villas #37 Rules & Regulations.) You may also contact Edu Villegas, Property Manager, eduv1026@yahoo.com or (480) 735-8865 and he will come and shut the water off at the street. It is advisable to turn off the valves behind your toilets and under sinks, including washing machine water valves. DO NOT leave any faucets open inside your Villa when you leave.

2. SMOKE DETECTORS

No home should be without a smoke detector! These devices provide critical early warning in case of a fire, and give you time to get out quickly and safely. HAVING A WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR DECREASES YOUR RISK OF DYING BY HALF. The Sun Lakes Fire District (SLFD) provides replacement smoke detectors as a resident service, provided the homeowner pre-purchases the batteries. Additionally, if your home does not have a working smoke detector, the SLFD has FREE battery operated smoke detectors, which residents can acquire by calling 480.895.9343. Please.....take advantage of this important safety program by contacting the SLFD at 25020 S. Alma School Road or 480.895.9343.

3. LOCKBOX PROGRAM

All homeowners are strongly encouraged to participate in the Sun Lakes Fire District (SLFD) lockbox program. Residents purchase a small secure lockbox from the SLFD for only \$45.00, and it will be installed near their front door for free, by Neighbors Who Care. A SLFD representative will then come by and place a spare key, provided by the homeowner, into the lockbox. After that, the box can ONLY be opened by the SLFD, for emergencies, with a special key. This allows the SLFD quick access to the home in case of a 911 emergency without causing property damage. Also, if the homeowner is away, fire fighters can enter the home if there is a problem. Stop by the SLFD office at 25020 S. Alma School Rd., or call 480.895.9343 for additional information.

4. MEDICAL INFORMATION

No one can predict when a medical emergency might occur. But homeowners CAN be better prepared by having essential medical information readily available to first responders. The Sun Lakes Fire District (SLFD) has packets available for homeowners to complete, which lists important health and contact data so that firefighters and paramedics can provide prompt and accurate care, and relay that information to the hospital. This packet is then placed on or in the refrigerator or by the phone, where it is easy to find. The packets are FREE at the SLFD office at 25020 S. Alma School Rd.

5. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

STOP for a minute, and try to remember where your in-home fire extinguishers are located (or perhaps hidden). Do you know what type they are and what kind of fire they can be used on? These small devices are essential for your personal and residential safety. They can be the difference between an incident and a disaster. Often they are old and or no longer effective. It may be time to replace them. You need to know that **Class A** extinguishers can be used on ordinary combustibles like trash or paper. **Class B** works on flammable liquids, and **Class C** on electrical equipment. The Sun Lakes Fire District (SLFD) recommends, for residential application 2A10BC Type extinguishers, which are effective on all types of fires. Get a couple of new extinguishers, and put one in the kitchen and one in the garage. Your home safety will be greatly improved with this simple action.