On the road

- Reserve enough time for the journey. Also account for breaks.
- □ The least tired drives never under the influence of alcohol.
- Check the condition of the vehicle, the tyre pressure in particular.
- Pack your luggage in the boot and tie it down, if necessary. Reserve the passenger area for passengers only.
- □ Be flexible in traffic.
- □ Make sure that the passenger seat belts and any safety equipment are appropriately secured.

Arriving at the cottage

- Make sure that the smoke alarms work. A smoke alarm should be located at least in all bedrooms, the living room and at exits.
- Show your guests how to exit the cabin in an emergency.
- □ Make sure that the fire extinguishing equipment is in working order.

☐ Make sure that everyone knows the address of the cottage and that the coordinates are available.

Outdoors

- □ Keep pathways in the yard easily accessible and well-lit.
- □ Keep a phone with you when you go outside.
- □ Wear sturdy outdoor footwear of the right size and with good grip.

Performing cottage chores

- □ Make sure that your cottage chores are relative to your physical condition and state of health.
- Use safety equipment.
- Plan your chores to ensure that you do not fall or hurt yourself.
- Only use undamaged tools.
- Enjoy a beer only after completing your chores.



Safety check for the cottage Checklist for a safe stay at the cottage.

Expertise on accidents: the Accident Prevention Network, www.kotitapaturma.fi Drawings Adobe Stock, Antti Metsäranta

Working remotely at the cottage

- Check that your working environment is safe.
- Check that the charger cords are intact.
- Change your working position now and then.
- □ Take regular breaks.

Around the grill or open fire

- □ Keep children away from grills and open fires.
- Do not light an open fire while a forest fire warning is in effect.
- □ When you light an open fire, you are responsible for keeping an eye on it and putting it out.
- Regularly check the condition of gas grill hoses and valves.
- □ Protect your grill from the wind.
- □ Make sure that the grill stays firmly in place and is located in a fire safe area.
- Allow the embers to fully die out before closing the dampers.

With children

- Explain to the children where they can move on their own.
- ☐ Make sure that no one can fall into rain barrels or wells.
- Consider other possible risk factors, such as rocks or trees.

At the beach and on the water

- □ Keep constant watch of children by the water.
- Do not go swimming on your own.
- Swim along the shoreline so that you can stand up in the water at all times.
- Do not dive into unknown waters.
- □ Keep a piece of rescue equipment available.
- Always wear a lifejacket when on the water.
- Alcohol should not be consumed while on the water.

Other notes

- Check that the cottage has appropriate first aid equipment.
- Take good care of your underlying health needs.
- Check that you have your prescription medication and other necessary non-prescription drugs with you.
- Ensure that you have the 112
 Suomi mobile app if you are using a smartphone. Make sure that you know how to use the app.
- Make sure that you can call for aid in case of an accident even when you are alone at the cottage.

Save on your phone

- emergency number 112 or
- the 112 Suomi mobile app if you are using a smartphone. Can you use the app?
- Poison Information Centre 0800 147 111 24 h (free of charge)
- number of a health centre, health counselling or hospital emergency services
- numbers of family members



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