

Pune lower on security index compared to rest of India: Survey

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Pune: A survey by a company providing security solutions found that 27.2 per cent of respondents admit to regularly leaving their key under the front door mat while away and around 35.1 per cent choose to close/ lock all the windows if planning to leave the house for less than 30 minutes and only 37.2 per cent would bother to lock the front gate if absent for a similar period.

At the national level, the survey, conducted by Godrej

Security Solutions, revealed that one in every six Indian householders (16.8 per cent) admit having left home for at least 20 minutes without closing the windows, while 9.6 per cent left the front door unlocked in their absence for the same period. A staggering 88.3 per cent of respondents admit to entrusting their keys with third parties (neighbours, maids, drivers) as a matter of routine.

The consequences of India's so-called 'Careless Quotient' were revealed in the research; 51.8 per cent

of respondents admitted to regularly misplacing their wallet, while 48.9 per cent lost important items such as car keys or house keys. As a result, over a third of Indian householders (24.6 per cent)

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are spending 45 to 60 minutes a week searching for their lost valuables.

These findings are published against the backdrop of heightened concern for home and personal security in India. According to a global crowdsourced data-

base portal, Numbeo 2, 43.47 per cent of Indians are worried.

The survey was conducted via face-to-face interviews in September 2018 across key metros with a representative sample size. The

data is illustrative. Only 75 per cent of the respondents in Pune said they would lock their doors without fail when stepping out for shopping as against the national average of 66 per cent. Only 37 per cent of Pune respondents are likely to misplace their wallets.

This is lower than the national count of 52 per cent. Only 30 per cent of respondents in Pune said they would opt for a locker to store their valuables.

More than one-third of Pune respondents know half of their neighbours. However, for collecting a delivery in their absence, only 12.5 per cent of respondents in Pune would depend on a neighbour. Only 16% of respondents in Pune have installed CCTV cameras.

Godrej Security Solutions Vice President and Global Head - Marketing,

Sales and Innovation Mehernosh Pithawalla said "We strongly believe the citizens of our country need to become proactive adopter of security solutions

to protect their valuable and loved ones holistically. It's about making such considerations a part of our daily routines."

The overall sample size for this survey was 1,730. The respondents from Mumbai, Delhi, Chandigarh, Lucknow, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kolkata participated in the survey.