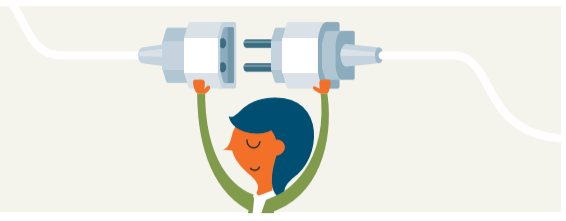


# CLOSING PROCEDURE TIPS

Taking the time to conduct a thorough walk-through of your business before closing increases the likelihood that it will be safe and secure when you return.

**01** TURN OFF OR UNPLUG ALL EQUIPMENT



**02** STORE FLAMMABLES AND COMBUSTIBLES PROPERLY



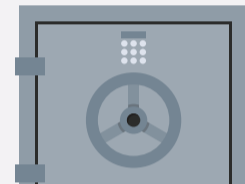
**03** TURN OFF THE WATER AT THE MAIN INLET VALVE AND DRAIN THE ENTIRE SYSTEM



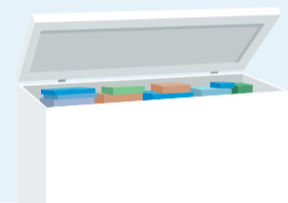
**04** SET THE BUILDING'S TEMPERATURE TO A MINIMUM OF 18°C TO PROTECT PIPES FROM FREEZING



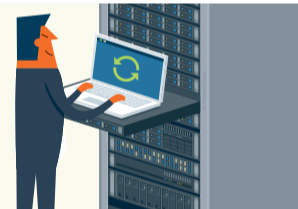
**05** SECURE ALL CASH, VALUABLES, EQUIPMENT, CUSTOMER PROPERTY, AND STOCK



**06** REMOVE ALL PERISHABLE ITEMS FROM FRIDGES AND CUPBOARDS



**07** BACK UP ALL BUSINESS DATA TO CLOUD STORAGE OR AN EXTERNAL HARD DRIVE OFF-SITE



**08** ENSURE ALL EMPLOYEES, SUPPLIERS, AND CUSTOMERS ARE AWARE OF YOUR CLOSURE AND CANCEL ANY DELIVERIES OR PICK-UPS



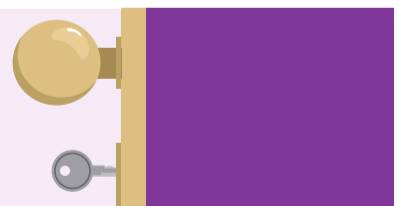
**09** REMOVE IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND KEEP THEM ON HAND



**10** TURN OFF INTERIOR LIGHTS AND CHECK TO MAKE SURE EXTERIOR LIGHTS ARE WORKING PROPERLY



**11** LOCK ALL WINDOWS, DOORS, AND EXTERIOR OPENINGS (EG. ROOF ACCESS)



**12** WALK THROUGH THE SITE TO MAKE SURE NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND, AND ACTIVATE THE SECURITY SYSTEM



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