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# The 3 Threats

- **Having guests in their home frightened many.**
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- **Too busy: not worth the trouble, time, or money.**



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