



HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

How safe is your home? Use this as a guide to assess your home's security level. Boxes marked "NO" indicate areas where you may want to take action to improve your home's security to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted.

Exterior Door Security

| | Yes | No |
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| 1. All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house – even if it's just for a few minutes. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use. If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Garage and Sliding Door Security

| | Yes | No |
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| 6. The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. The sliding glass door has strong, working key lock. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. A dowel or pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Window Security

Yes No

12. Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned. - -
13. Windows are always locked, even when opened a few inches for ventilation. - -

Outdoor Security

Yes No

14. Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide. - -
15. There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers. - -
16. Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors. - -
17. Outdoor lights are on in the evening – whether someone is at home or not or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed. - -
18. Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly. - -

Security When Away From Home

Yes No

19. At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence when we are away from home for an extended time period. - -
20. The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home. - -
21. Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time. - -
22. A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away. - -

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

Yes No

23. Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked after every use with high-security, laminated padlocks. - -
24. Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point. - -
25. Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks. - -
26. Valuable items such as televisions, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with an identifying number approved by local police. - -
27. Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes photos. A complete copy is kept in a safe place or safety deposit box. - -