



Residential Security Checklist

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked "no" indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home's security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted. For a free inspection and additional information contact your local crime prevention specialist.

Doors

Yes No

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.

Door hinges are protected from removal from the outside.

Windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks have been reinforced.

All doors are secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw.

Doors are equipped with 4-inch strike plate.

Doors are equipped with 180 degree viewer.

Windows

All windows have adequate locks.

Windows have screens.

Windows are free from concealing structure or landscaping.

A secondary security device is utilized.

Exterior exposed screws have been replaced or defaced.

Garage

Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.

Garage is on a multi frequency.

The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely

on the automatic door opener to provide security.

Interior

If alarms are utilized they are maintained and tested.

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 period of time.

Exterior

Yes No

Our house number is clearly displayed so that law enforcement and other

emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.

There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night

that would hide prowlers.

Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.

Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.

Outdoor lights are on in the evening-whether someone is home or not or

a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting has been installed.

Gate latches, garage doors, electrical circuit boxes, and shed

doors are all locked with a high-security padlock.

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.

Personal Property

Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos, and computers have

been inscribed with an identifying number approved by local law enforcement.

Our home inventory is up to date and includes pictures.

A copy is kept in a secure place.