



House Numbers
Are your address numbers clearly visible from the street for emergency responders?

Security Cameras
Install and use security cameras and alarms.

Doors
Keep doors locked even when home. Be aware of glass near door and protect against breaking and entering.

Gates
Keep side-yard gates locked.

Shrubs and Trees
Burglars love hiding behind shrubs while they break into windows without being seen. Keep shrubs trimmed.

Exterior Lighting
Yard lighting may deter criminals seeking darkness.

Windows
Make sure window locks are strong and properly used.

Home Security Assessment Checklist

This checklist is intended to help you make a security survey of your home. Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Each question on the checklist which you answer with an "X" or a check mark in the second column indicates a security weakness or hazzard which requires your attention.

EXTERIOR DOORS	YES	NO
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house - even if it's just for a few minutes.		
Exterior doors are made of solid hardwood, solid core, or metal-clad.		
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.		
If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are made from ballistic glass or reinforced with security film to prevent entry.		
If glass is within 40 inches of doors, there are double-cylinder deadbolts in every door to prevent a reach-in unlock.		
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.		
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.		
All house keys are accounted for.		
Sliding glass doors have strong, working key locks.		
Sliding glass doors are made from ballistic glass or reinforced with security film to prevent entry.		
A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.		
The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.		
A motion sensor or chime is installed at the front porch, front entry gate, or doorway to announce unseen visitors.		
GARAGE SECURITY AND ACCESS	YES	NO
The doors leading from the attached garage to the house and backyard are solid wood, solid core, or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.		
The overhead garage door has a lock which overrides the automatic door opener to provide security.		

Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.		
WINDOWS SECURITY	YES	NO
Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.		
Ground floor and basement windows are made from ballistic glass or reinforced with security film to prevent entry.		
Window air conditioners, if equipped, are secured to prevent a burglar from removing them for entry.		
Windows are always locked or pinned, even when opened a few inches for ventilation.		
Upstairs windows and balcony doors are always kept locked.		
Curtains and/or blinds are drawn to conceal valuables.		
OUTDOOR SECURITY	YES	NO
Shrubs and bushes are trimmed below window height to prevent a burglar using them for concealment.		
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 at home or not or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system had been installed.		
Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.		
Exterior electrical service panel has a padlock over circuit breaker cover to prevent someone from turning off power.		
Roof is inaccessible via trees, trellis, fence/wall, or unsecured ladder.		
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.		
Mailbox is locked to prevent mail theft/identity theft.		
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.		
Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.		
SECURITY WHEN AWAY FROM HOME	YES	NO
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.		
The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.		
Alarm signs or window stickers are in plain view to dissuade a burglar from entering.		
A video surveillance system is installed and used regularly.		
Security camera coverage is adequate, covering porch, all doors and windows, street area, and side yards.		
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.		
A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.		
Trusted neighbors are notified when someone house sits for us.		
HOMEOWNER/OCCUPANT HABITS AND ROUTINES	YES	NO
We regularly set our alarm when leaving our home.		
We always lock doors and windows while at home or away.		
We refrain from announcing our location on social media when away from home.		
We always put away or lock up bicycles and other items left out in the yard or in the driveway.		
We never leave our garage door open during the day while not in the garage or immediate area.		
Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks when applicable.		
Valuable items, such as television, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with an identifying number approved by local police.		
Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures/videos. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.		
Copies of security documents and other important papers are stored at a secondary location.		
Police and fire department business numbers are saved in cell phone favorites.		
We always lock our cars while on our driveway or parked on the street.		
Our garage door opener/remote control is hidden inside our car.		
We always remove our valuables from plain sight in our car whether at home, shopping, or elsewhere.		
We personally receive deliveries at home versus left on the porch by Amazon.com, USPS, FedEx, and others.		
We are involved in a neighborhood watch and we call police to report suspicious persons and cars.		
We use Anti-Theft Dots to mark and identify our property in case it's stolen.		

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