

Home 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.

Exterior Doors

All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it's just for a few minutes. Yes No

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad. Yes No

Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use. Yes No

Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in a mailbox. Yes No

Garage and Sliding Door Security

All garage doors are locked when leaving the house. Yes No

The sliding glass door has strong working key locks. Yes No

The sliding glass door is locked every night and each time we leave the house Yes No

The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security. Yes No

Protecting Windows

Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned. Yes No

Windows are always locked even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation. Yes No

Outdoor Security

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

There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers. Yes No

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. Yes No

Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly. Yes No

Security When Away From Home

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. Yes No

A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away. Yes No

If you are a renter and you do not believe that your home is safe, contact your landlord and discuss what can be done. Your local police, fire or housing department may have resources to help. Feel free to call us at 1800-261-2298 if you have questions.

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