

# Home Security Checklist

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Answer the questions below. Questions answered "No" should be "Yes" therefore changes need to be implemented so the answer can be "Yes". A "Yes" answer to these questions will not eliminate the risk of being victimized but it will reduce the risk of being a victim of crime.

<b>Exterior</b>		<b>Doors</b>	
Is landscaping trimmed for visibility?	Y[ ] N[ ]	<b>Is there a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1" throw?</b>	
Is lighting adequate?	Y[ ] N[ ]	Front	Y[ ] N[ ]
Are garage windows and doors secured?	Y[ ] N[ ]	Rear	Y[ ] N[ ]
<b>Keys</b>		Side	Y[ ] N[ ]
Was the home rekeyed recently?	Y[ ] N[ ]	Sliding	Y[ ] N[ ]
Does a past housekeeper or service provider still have a key?	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
Can all keys be accounted for?	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
<b>Windows</b>		<b>Are double cylinder or captive thumbturn deadbolts installed in doors with glass in them or nearby?</b>	
Are you as careful about locking windows as you are doors?	Y[ ] N[ ]	Front	Y[ ] N[ ]
Are there securely mounted, functioning sash locks?	Y[ ] N[ ]	Rear	Y[ ] N[ ]
Are basement windows securely locked?	Y[ ] N[ ]	Side	Y[ ] N[ ]
<b>Alarms</b>		Sliding	Y[ ] N[ ]
Is there an electronic alarm present?	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
Is the alarm monitored?	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
Do you check operation regularly?	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
Do you ALWAYS set the alarm?	Y[ ] N[ ]	<b>Is a high security strike plate used? Is it securely anchored?</b>	
<b>Garage, Sheds, and Gates</b>		Front	Y[ ] N[ ]
<b>Are there properly secured locks?</b>		Rear	Y[ ] N[ ]
Garage	Y[ ] N[ ]	Side	Y[ ] N[ ]
Sheds	Y[ ] N[ ]	Sliding	Y[ ] N[ ]
Gates	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
_____	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]

<b>Are doors keyed alike to the house?</b>		<b>Are the locksets keyed alike throughout?</b>	
Garage	Y[ ] N[ ]	Front	Y[ ] N[ ]
Sheds	Y[ ] N[ ]	Rear	Y[ ] N[ ]
Gates	Y[ ] N[ ]	Side	Y[ ] N[ ]
_____	Y[ ] N[ ]	Sliding	Y[ ] N[ ]
<b>Are overhead doors adequately secured?</b>		_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
Garage	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
Sheds	Y[ ] N[ ]	<b>Is the door and frame satisfactory?</b>	
Gates	Y[ ] N[ ]	Front	Y[ ] N[ ]
_____	Y[ ] N[ ]	Rear	Y[ ] N[ ]
<b>Doors</b>		Side	Y[ ] N[ ]
<b>Is the primary lock functioning?</b>		Sliding	Y[ ] N[ ]
Front	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
Rear	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
Side	Y[ ] N[ ]	<b>Is an auxiliary Lock installed on all sliding doors?</b>	
Sliding	Y[ ] N[ ]	Front	Y[ ] N[ ]
_____	Y[ ] N[ ]	Rear	Y[ ] N[ ]
_____	Y[ ] N[ ]	Side	Y[ ] N[ ]
<b>Is there a deadlocking latch?</b>		Sliding	Y[ ] N[ ]
Front	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
Rear	Y[ ] N[ ]	_____	Y[ ] N[ ]
Side	Y[ ] N[ ]		
Sliding	Y[ ] N[ ]		
_____	Y[ ] N[ ]		
_____	Y[ ] N[ ]		

### **Exterior Door**

1. Y[ ] N[ ] All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house – even if it's just for a few minutes.
2. Y[ ] N[ ] Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.
3. Y[ ] N[ ] Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.
4. Y[ ] N[ ] If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.
5. Y[ ] N[ ] All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.
6. Y[ ] N[ ] Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.

### **Garage and Sliding Door Security**

7. Y[ ] N[ ] 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.
8. Y[ ] N[ ] The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.
9. Y[ ] N[ ] Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.
10. Y[ ] N[ ] The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock.
11. Y[ ] N[ ] 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.
12. Y[ ] N[ ] The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.

### **Protecting Windows**

13. Y[ ] N[ ] Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.
14. Y[ ] N[ ] Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.

### **Outdoor Security**

15. Y[ ] N[ ] Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.
16. Y[ ] N[ ] There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.
17. Y[ ] N[ ] Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.
18. Y[ ] N[ ] Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination. Yes No
19. Y[ ] N[ ] 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.
20. Y[ ] N[ ] Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.

### **Security When Away From Home**

21. Y[ ] N[ ] 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.
22. Y[ ] N[ ] The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.
23. Y[ ] N[ ] 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.
24. Y[ ] N[ ] A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.

### **Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property**

25. Y[ ] N[ ] Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high – security, laminated padlocks.
26. Y[ ] N[ ] Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.
27. Y[ ] N[ ] 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.
28. Y[ ] N[ ] Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.
29. Y[ ] N[ ] Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute.
30. Y[ ] N[ ] Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.
31. Y[ ] N[ ] Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with identifying number.
32. Y[ ] N[ ] Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house