



Home Security Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked "No" indicate areas where you could improve your home's security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease your chances of you or your home being targeted for crime.

Exterior Doors and Windows

	Yes	No
All doors are locked during the night and every time we leave the house even if it's just for a short time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they're reinforced in some way so they cannot be shattered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat, planter, ledge or in the mailbox.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows are always locked even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All windows in the house have a working key lock or are securely pinned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Garage and Sliding Door Security

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"/>
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"/>
Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our sliding glass doors have strong, working key locks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifter off the track.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outdoor Security

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Outdoor lights are on in the evening-whether or not someone is home OR photocell/motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our house number is clearly displayed and well lit so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property</u>		
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are locked after every use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every bicycle is either kept in a locked shed or garage or secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serial numbers to bicycles are written down in a safe place for our records.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes/safes and secured with trigger guard locks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serial numbers have been written down and stored in a secure place for valuable items (ie. televisions, laptops, gaming systems, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Security When Away From Home</u>		
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) is activated when we leave home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>