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HOME SECURITY CHECK LIST

Use this guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked “no” indicate areas where your home security defenses are weak and where you could take action to improve the strength of your home’s defenses. These are just some of the most common steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you and your home will be targeted.

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. YES NO

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad. YES NO

Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use. YES NO

If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some ways so that they cannot be shattered. YES NO

All entryways have working, keyed entry locks and sturdy deadbolt locks installed into the frame of the door. YES NO

Spare Keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox. YES NO

Locking security door outside of my front door for added layer of protection. YES NO

GARAGE DOOR & GARAGE ENTRY DOOR

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. YES NO

The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security. (Garage Door Hacking Risk) YES NO

Garage Doors are locked when leaving the house. YES NO



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SLIDING & FRENCH PATIO DOORS

YES

NO

The sliding glass door has a strong, working key locks.

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 home.

The French Door has Door Reinforcement Locks installed directly into the frame.

The French Door has working, keyed locks with deadbolt locks.

PROTECTING WINDOWS

Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.

Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.

OUTDOOR SECURITY

Shrubs, bushes, and trees are trimmed often 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 or burglars.

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

Security Cameras are placed up high and at every exterior door with motion detection and night vision to observe who is approaching my home from my smartphone.

Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.

Outdoor lights are on in the evening and throughout the night, whether someone is home or not.

Our house number is clearly displayed and lit so police and other emergency personnel can locate the house quickly.



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SECURITY WHEN AWAY FROM THE HOME

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NO

At least two light timers (or home assistant like Amazon Alexa or Google Home Assistant) have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence, when we are away from the home for an extended period of time.

The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave.

Mail and newspaper deliveries have been halted or arrangements have been made with a neighbor/friend to have them picked up when we go away for an extended period of time.

A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch over our home when we are away.

OUTDOOR VALUABLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked and secured with high-security laminated padlocks.

Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.

Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuable items are stored in a locked garage or shed. Or if left out, 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.

Firearms (not used for rapid response to personal home protection) are stored unloaded in a locked safe or locked storage box with keyed trigger guard locks.

Valuable documents and items such as expensive jewelry, passports, banking information, etc. are all stored in a locked personal safe hidden in a discrete area of the home.

Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept with our Insurance Company and a backup copy is kept outside of the home.

If you have a significant amount of "NO" answers, please consider upgrading your home's security defenses to insure you, your family, and your possession do not fall prey to those who wish to make you a victim. Please feel free to call our offices and schedule a visit from one of our trained Burglary Prevention Officers who can help advise you on better ways to protect yourself.



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