

BURGLARY PREVENTION CHECKLIST

Doors and Entry Areas

Are your doors of solid core construction?	Yes,	No
Do entry doors have a wide angle viewer?	Yes	No
Are the door locks secure from being opened if a burglar breaks glass or a panel of wood?	Yes	No
Do exterior doors have cylinder-type deadbolt locks with at least a one inch throw and beveled cylinder guard?	Yes	No
Can all your doors be securely locked?	Yes	No
Are your locks all in good repair?	Yes	No
Are the door strike plates installed with three-inch wood screws?	Yes	No
Do you know everyone who has a key to your house?	Yes	No
Do all outswinging doors have the hinges pinned or have non removable pins?	Yes	No
Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery and other decor to permit maximum visibility?	Yes	No
Do sliding doors have an auxiliary lock that locks both the door panels together or active side to side?	Yes	No
Do sliding glass doors lift out of the track?	Yes	No
Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp, or other auxiliary lock?	Yes	No
Do you lock your car and take in the keys even when parked in the garage?	Yes	No

Windows

Are all windows equipped with auxiliary key locks or pinned?	Yes	No
Have you replaced or secured louver windows?	Yes	No
Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?	Yes	No
Do you keep your windows locked when shut?	Yes	No
Do you use locks that will allow you to lock a window when partially open?	Yes	No
In high hazard areas, do you use bars or ornamental grilles?	Yes	No
Do you have good, secure locks on garage windows?	Yes	No
Are you as careful of second floor windows as you are those on the first floor?	Yes	No

Safe Practices

Do you keep a list of all valuable property?	Yes	No
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Do you have a list of the serial numbers of your valuable items?	Yes	No
Do you have a description of other valuable property that does not have a serial number?	Yes	No
Do you avoid unnecessary display of your valuables?	Yes	No
Do you "hide" a key under the door mat?	Yes	No
Are your trees and shrubs trimmed to prevent concealment?	Yes	No
Are lights installed and used around the perimeter of the house?	Yes	No
Have you secured your ladder?	Yes	No
Do you have emergency phone numbers listed by the phone?	Yes	No
Have you told your family what to do if they discover a burglar breaking into or already in the house?	Yes	No

VACATION SECURITY CHECKLIST

Thieves look for what police term "targets of opportunity." There are many things you can do to avoid becoming one of the victims, especially when you are going to be away from your home for an extended period of time.

Arrange for local law enforcement agency to check your house periodically, if they offer this service in your community.

Double check second floor and basement windows, areas which are often forgotten.

- Arrange to have mail and deliveries picked up by your neighbor.
- Leave a car in the driveway. Have outside lights turned on and off with a timer. Arrange to have the lawn cut and bushes trimmed.

Have several timers attached to lights in various locations throughout the house.

Ask neighbors to check your house regularly, and leave a number with them where you can be located. Ask neighbors to also use your garbage cans.

Don't tell everyone about your vacation plans. Don't leave notes on your door for neighbors and deliverymen, etc.

Upon returning home, you notice evidence of a break-in, do not enter the house. Call the police at once!

Make an inventory of your property. Mark your valuables with an engraver. Use your driver's licence number as identification on the property.

Doors and windows should be locked with bolt locks and auxiliary locks.