

BURGLARY PREVENTION CHECKLIST FOR HOMES

This checklist was designed to help you make a security survey of your own home.

The first purpose of a home security inspection is to identify features in your home or daily routines of your family, which might make your home an easy target for a burglar.

The security inspection should begin at your front door; include an inspection of all your doors and windows, locks, lights and landscaping. Each question on the checklist, which you answer with an "x" or a check mark in the second column, indicated a security weakness or hazard, which requires your attention.

DOORS

1	Are all outside doors in the house of metal or solid wood construction?	Yes _____ No _____
2	Are door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	Yes _____ No _____
3	Are door hinges protected from removal from the outside?	Yes _____ No _____
4	Are there windows in any door or within 40 inches of the locks?	Yes _____ No _____
5	Are all door locks adequate and in good repair?	Yes _____ No _____
6	Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?	Yes _____ No _____
7	Can the locking mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or pet entrance at the door?	Yes _____ No _____
8	Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?	Yes _____ No _____
9	Are all entrances lighted with at least a 40-watt light?	Yes _____ No _____
10	Can front entrances be observed from the street or public area?	Yes _____ No _____
11	Does the porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from the street or public area?	Yes _____ No _____
12	If there is a sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of its track?	Yes _____ No _____
13	Is the "charley-bar" or a key operated auxiliary lock used on sliding glass door?	Yes _____ No _____

ENTRANCES FROM GARAGE AND BASEMENT

14	Are all entrances to the living quarters from a garage or basement of metal or solid wood construction?	Yes _____ No _____
15	Does the door from the garage to the living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrances?	Yes _____ No _____
16	Does the door from the basement to the living quarters have an adequate lock operated from the living quarters side?	Yes _____ No _____

WINDOWS

17	Do all windows have adequate locks in operation condition?	Yes _____ No _____
18	Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?	Yes _____ No _____
19	Do any windows open into areas that may be hazardous or offer special risk to burglary?	Yes _____ No _____
20	Do windows that open into hazardous areas have security screens or grills?	Yes _____ No _____
21	Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structure or landscaping?	Yes _____ No _____
22	Is the exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?	Yes _____ No _____
23	Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?	Yes _____ No _____
24	Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?	Yes _____ No _____

GARAGE DOORS AND WINDOWS

25	Is the automobile entrance door to the garage equipped with an adequate locking device?	Yes _____ No _____
26	Is the garage door kept closed and locked at all times?	Yes _____ No _____
27	Are the garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?	Yes _____ No _____
28	Is the outside utility entrance to the garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance?	Yes _____ No _____
29	Are tools and ladders kept in the garage?	Yes _____ No _____
30	Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40-watt light?	Yes _____ No _____

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