

Home Security Checklist



Exterior Doors

- All doors are locked at night and every time you leave
- Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad
- Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use
- If there are glass panels in a doorway, they are reinforced so they cannot be shattered
- All entryways have a keyed entry lock and deadbolt
- Spare keys are kept with a neighbor and NOT under a doormat/planter

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Garage and Sliding Door Security

- The door leading from the garage to the house is solid hardwood or metal-clad
- The overhead garage door has a lock so we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener
- Garage doors are all locked when leaving
- Sliding doors have strong working key locks
- A dowel or pin has been installed to secure a glass door
- The sliding door is locked every night and each time someone leaves the home

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Protecting Windows

- Every window has a working key lock or is securely pinned
- Windows are always locked even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation

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Outdoor Security

- Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide
- There are no dark areas around the house or garage
- Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors
- Floodlights are installed
- Outdoor lights are on in the evenings - whether someone is home or not
- Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly

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Security When Away From Home

- At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off
- The motion detector or other alarm system has been activated when we leave home
- A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch the home when we are away

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Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

- Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks
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- Grills, lawnmowers and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or hidden from view with a tarp
- Every bicycle is secured with a quality padlock and chain
- Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks
- Valuable items have been inscribed with identifying numbers
- Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes serial numbers and pictures

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