



Home Security Checklist

Use this guide as you check your home for safety measures. A box marked “no” indicates areas where you could take action to improve your home’s security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home will be targeted.

Front of House	N/A	Yes	No
The address easily visible and readable from a distance in a contrasting color from background? Illuminated after dark?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The front windows and doors are visible to your neighbors and passers-by?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Landscaping is properly maintained to allow open sightlines and eliminate hiding places? <i>Bushes shorter than 36 inches, Trees limbed up to 7 feet or higher, shrubs near windows maintained below windowsill.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no areas of easy concealment		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The gate is kept locked		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no objects that could be used to climb over my fence <i>trash cans, utility boxes, shorter fences, benches, trees place too close to fence etc.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yard is properly maintained, and the house appears occupied. <i>no flyers on the doors, old newspapers, trash etc.</i>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no dark areas at night that could hide prowlers		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is a working light near the front door to illuminate visitors		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor lights are on at night even when someone is not home (<i>photocell, timer, or motion detector</i>)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The lights are installed or designed to illuminate downward and not create glare that could impair offsite surveillance		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Exterior Doors and Windows	N/A	Yes	No
Doors			
All doors are kept locked at night and when leaving the house (even if just for a few minutes)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no unsecured house keys left outside the house (not under matt, in mail box, planter etc.), Any “emergency” key it is in a lock box or in the possession of a trusted neighbor		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no objects readily available to use to force entry into the house (large rocks, bricks etc.)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors are of solid construction or metal clad		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The door frames are in good repair and the door fits tight		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The front door has a wide angle eye viewer / peephole		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no mail slots, pet doors or other openings within reach of the door lock (40 inches)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The doors have a properly installed deadbolt lock with a 1 inch “throw”		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The keys have been changes since moving in.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The strike plates are properly installed using 2 to 3 in screws securing it to the wall’s frame work		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The deadbolt extends into the strike plate far enough that the lock “clicks”		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Out-swinging doors have the proper hinges (non-removable pins, tabbed, set screw etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Double doors have a slide/drop bolt top and bottom on the fixed door with properly installed strike plates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sliding doors (aka arcadia doors) cannot be lifted from the track in the closed position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sliding doors manufacture’s locks work properly and have a secondary lock/latch in place (“Charlie bar” pin, slide bolt, dowel etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows			
All windows are closed and latched when no one is home		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows have two locks or latches either from the manufacturer or with an aftermarket secondary lock/latch.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sliding windows cannot be lifted from their track in the closed position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Casement (crank open) windows have properly functioning hardware and the latching lever engages the window	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

