

Home Security Checklist

Use this guide to check your home for possible security measures. Boxes marked “no” indicate areas where you may consider action to improve our home security.

These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood of your home being targeted.

Exterior Doors

	Yes	No
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors feature wide angle peepholes at heights everyone can use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbour, not under a doormat or plant pot or on a ledge or in the mailbox	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Garage and Sliding Door Security

	Yes	No
The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Protecting Windows

Yes No

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

Yes No

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed 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

Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitor's

Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination

Outdoor lights come on in the evening - whether someone is at home or not (motion sensitive lighting system has been installed)

Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find our house quickly

Security When Away From Home

Yes No

At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence when we are away from the house for an extended time period

The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been Switched on when we leave home

Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbour/friend to pick them up have been made when we go away

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

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property	Yes	No
Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are all locked with high security locks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BBQ's, lawn mowers and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarpaulin and securely locked to a stationary point	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for a few minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger locks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valuable items, such as television, stereo and computers have been inscribed with identifying number approved by the local police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our home inventory list is up to date and includes pictures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ladders are stored and/or locked to prevent thieves using them	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>