



Is Your Home Safe?

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked “no” indicate 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 is targeted.

Exterior Doors

	Yes	No
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house-even if it is just for a few minutes.	<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 they cannot be shattered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All entryways have working, keyed entry locks and sturdy deadbolt locks installed into the doorframes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, 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 wood 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 locked when leaving the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding glass door has strong, working key locks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A dowel or 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 at 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.

At night there are no dark areas around our house, garage or yard that would hide prowlers.

Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.

Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.

Outdoor lights are on in the evening- whether someone is at home or not or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting has been installed.

Our house number is clearly displayed so that police and other emergency vehicles can find the 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 home for an extended time period.

The motion detector or other alarm system (if applicable) has been activated when we leave home.

Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements have been made for a neighbor/friend to pick them up while we are away.

A neighbor has been asked to tend to the yard and watch our home while we are away.

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

Yes No

Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.

Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are locked after every use.

Grills, 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 tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.

Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock or chain.

Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute.

Unloaded firearms are secured with trigger guard locks before being locked in storage boxes.

Our home inventory is up to date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept at a location outside the house.