

HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

Exterior Doors:	Rating	Priority	Cost
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not hidden.			
Glass panels in or near doors are reinforced or shatter resistant			
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.			
Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.			
All entryways have deadbolt locks installed into the frame of the door.			
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave – even briefly.			
Garage and Sliding Door:			
Garage-to-home door is solid wood or metal-clad, has deadbolt.			
Garage door has a lock separate from automatic door opener.			
Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.			
Sliding glass doors have a strong, working key lock.			
A dowel or a pin to secure the sliding glass door has been installed.			
Sliding glass door is locked every night and each time we leave.			
Protecting Windows:			
Every window has a working key lock or is securely pinned.			
Windows are always locked, even when opened a few inches.			
Outdoor Security:			
Shrubs/bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.			
No dark areas around our house, garage, and yard.			
Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.			
Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.			
Outdoor lights on at night or motion-sensitive lighting system on.			
House number is clearly displayed for emergency vehicles.			
Security When Away From Home:			
Light timers in place and used when home is vacant.			
Security system activated when we leave home.			
Mail and newspaper deliveries stopped or friend will pick them up when we are away from home.			
Neighbor will tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.			
Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property:			
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked.			
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.			
Firearms are secured.			
Valuable items inscribed with identifying number approved by police.			
Home inventory is up-to-date, includes pictures. Copy kept elsewhere.			
Miscellaneous			
Member of neighborhood crime watch			
Neighbors names and numbers easily available			
Evacuation plans rehearsed			
Safe room hardened and equipped			