

Home Security & Safety Checklist

The questions on this form are answered "Yes" or "No. Because each question suggests a recommendation, "No" answers will alert you to areas that could be improved.

Perimeter Security

Doors

Yes No

- Do all your exterior doors have a good-quality deadbolt lock with no less than a 1" throw?
- Are all latch-strike plates on your exterior doors secured with at least 3" screws?
- Do your exterior doors having glass within 3 feet of the lock have double-cylinder deadbolts installed on them?
- Do all your exterior doors without glass have a wide-angle door viewer installed for identifying visitors?
- Are all exterior doors constructed of solid wood?
- Have you changed the locks since moving into your home or apartment?
- Do you always lock all your doors when you are home for the night or when you leave your residence?

Sliding Glass Doors

Yes No

- Do all your sliding glass doors have at least one of the following?
 - track lock
 - insertion pin lock
 - hinged door bar
 - metal or wooden dowel in track
- Do your auxiliary locks prevent the door from being lifted out of it track?

Garage Doors

Yes No

- If your overhead garage door is equipped with an automatic opener, does it use a "rolling code" to foil "code grabbers"?
- If your overhead garage door is not equipped with an automatic opener, does it have good-quality padlocks on both sides of the door?
- Do you exterior man-door and the door from the garage into your home have quality deadbolts? Are they always used?
- Do you always close your overhead garage door, even when you are home?

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Windows

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all your windows secured with an auxiliary keyed window lock? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the keys readily available in an emergency? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If you do not have keyed locks, are your windows additionally secured by pins or nails? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have your auxiliary window locks been installed to allow ventilation while maintaining security? |

Exterior Lighting

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your front entrance lit well enough to enable you to identify visitors at night? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all other entrances illuminated well? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do floodlights or some other type of area illumination cover all exterior sections of your home or property? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do motion sensors control your exterior lighting? |

Landscaping

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all your bushes, trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate areas for a person to hide near your doors and windows? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have tree limbs been trimmed to prevent access to upper floor windows or balconies? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you planted "prickly" or thorny shrubbery near windows to discourage loitering or hiding? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is all outdoor foliage trimmed to prevent obstruction of exterior lighting? |

Exterior Entries and Possessions

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all your gates locked with a quality, weatherproof padlock? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all sheds or outbuildings secured with a quality, weatherproof padlock? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all valuables stored outside (bikes, ladders, lawn mowers, motorcycles, etc.) secured to a fixed, immovable object? |

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Swimming Pool Safety

Yes No

- Are all exterior doors leading to your pool area equipped with a specific door alarm that alerts you when someone has entered?
- If your pool area has a secondary fence, are the gates secured with a gate lock or auxiliary padlock?
- Is your pool area or property line surrounded by at least a 6 foot high fence?
- Is every member of your household trained in CPR?

Interior Security

While You're Away

Yes No

- Do you have several lights in your home set up on automatic timers?
- Do you have a working home alarm system?
- Do you always remember to arm the alarm before you leave?
- Did you know that your alarm systems should be armed when you will be in your backyard for any length of time?
- Do you discontinue mail and newspaper service when away from home on vacation or business?
- Do you arrange for a friend or neighbor to come by and check on your home when you plan on being away several days or longer?
- Does your telephone answering machine avoid announcing: "We're not home right now?"

Gun Safety

Yes No

- Are all guns safely stored in a locked box, safe, or vault?
- Are all guns stored separately from the ammunition?
- Are guns that are intended for home protection equipped with a trigger guard lock?
- Have all members of your household been trained to treat every gun as though it were loaded?

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Home Safety

Fire and Carbon Monoxide

Yes No

- Do you have a smoke detector in each of the following areas?
- hallways near bedrooms
 - near family room and kitchen
 - top of any stairway
 - garage
- Are there carbon monoxide detectors in the same areas as your smoke detectors? Is there an additional carbon monoxide detector near your furnace?
- Are there ABC-type fire extinguishers in your kitchen, garage, and basement?
- Do all members of your household know exactly what to do in case of fire or other emergency?
- Do you test your smoke detectors once a month?
- Do you replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year? (Hint: Do this when we change our clocks from standard time to daylight savings time and back.)
- Are all flammables in stored in original, marked containers away from sources of heat or flame?
- Are all your valuable documents and possessions stored in a fire-rated safe?