

Home Security Inspection Checklist

The purpose of this home security inspection sheet is to identify features in your home, or daily routines of your family, which might make your home an easy target for a burglar. The security inspection should begin at your front door, including an inspection of all your doors and windows, locks, lights and landscaping. Each question on the checklist which is answered with a response in the second column indicates a security weakness or hazard which requires your attention.

A. Front Entrance

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| Yes | No | 1. | Is door itself of metal or solid wood construction? |
| Yes | No | 2. | Is door frame strong and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading? |
| Yes | No | 3. | Are door hinges protected from removal from outside? |
| No | Yes | 4. | Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks? |
| Yes | No | 5. | Are the door locks adequate and in good repair? |
| Yes | No | 6. | Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed? |
| Yes | No | 7. | If there are no windows in door, is there a wide angle viewer or voice intercommunications device? |
| Yes | No | 8. | Can the lock mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or pet entrance at doorway? |
| Yes | No | 9. | Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock? |
| Yes | No | 10. | Is exterior or front entrance lighted with at least a 40 watt light? |
| Yes | No | 11. | Can front entrance be observed from street or public areas? |
| No | Yes | 12. | Does porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from street or public area? |

B. Side or Rear Entrance

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|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Yes | No | 13. | Is door itself of metal or solid wood construction? |
| Yes | No | 14. | Is door frame strong and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading? |
| Yes | No | 15. | Are door hinges protected from removal from outside? |
| No | Yes | 16. | Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks? |
| Yes | No | 17. | Are the door locks adequate and in good repair? |
| Yes | No | 18. | Are the strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed? |

C. Side or Rear Entrance

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| No | Yes | 19. | Can the lock mechanism be reached from outside through a delivery port or pet entrance? |
| Yes | No | 20. | Is the exterior of the doorway lighted by at least a 40 watt light? |
| No | Yes | 21. | Is doorway concealed from street or neighbor's view by porch, |

- fence or landscaping?
- Yes No 22. Does doorway have screen or storm door with lock?
- Yes No 23. If door is sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of track?
- Yes No 24. Is 'charley-bar' or key operated auxiliary lock used on sliding door?

D. Entrances from Garage & Basement

- Yes No 25. Are all entrances to living quarters from garage and basement of metal or solid wood construction?
- Yes No 26. Do doors from garage to living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrance?
- Yes No 27. Does door from basement to living quarters have an adequate lock operated from living quarters side?

E. Ground Floor Windows

- Yes No 28. Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?
- Yes No 29. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from inside?
- No Yes 30. Do any windows open onto areas that may be hazardous or offer special risk to burglary?
- Yes No 31. Do windows that open to hazardous areas have security screens or grills?
- Yes No 32. Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?
- Yes No 33. Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?

F. Upper Floor Windows

- No Yes 34. Do any upper floor windows open onto porch or garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings?
- Yes No 35. If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level?
- Yes No 36. Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?
- No Yes 37. Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?

G. Basement Doors & Windows

- No Yes 38. Is there a door from outside to the basement?
- Yes No 39. If so, is that door adequately secure for an exterior door?
- Yes No 40. Is outside basement entrance lighted by exterior light of at least 40-watts?

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| No | Yes | 41. | Is outside basement door concealed from street or neighbors? |
| Yes | No | 42. | Are all basement windows adequately secured against entrance? |

H. Garage Doors & Windows

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| Yes | No | 43. | Is automobile entrance door to garage equipped with adequate locking device? |
| Yes | No | 44. | Is garage door kept close and locked at all times? |
| Yes | No | 45. | Are garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows? |
| Yes | No | 46. | Is outside utility entrance to garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance? |
| Yes | No | 47. | Are tools and ladders kept in garage? |
| Yes | No | 48. | Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40-watt light? |

Although nothing can guarantee freedom from being a victim of crime, simple precautions can add an extra measure of protection. That extra measure may save you from becoming a police statistic.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you in this community's fight against crime. We welcome your comments or requests of assistance; the Training Community Services Unit can be contacted by phone at 785-826-7210.