



Personal Home Security Checklist

DOORS:

- ▶ Does door have 180° peephole.
- ▶ Are locks that can be opened from inside at least 40 inches from glass?
- ▶ Are entrance doors solid core?
- ▶ Do they have bolt locks?
- ▶ If hinge pins are outside, are they non-removable?
- ▶ Does door securely fit doorjamb.
- ▶ Is doorjamb tightly fastened?
- ▶ Does bolt extend sufficiently into strike plate?
- ▶ Have locks been re-keyed since you moved in?

WINDOWS:

- ▶ Have double hung windows been pinned?
- ▶ Do metal windows have auxiliary locks?
- ▶ Can windows left open for ventilation be secured?
- ▶ Do basement windows have auxiliary locks?
- ▶ Do curtains or drapes fully cover windows?
- ▶ Is window air conditioner secured from inside?

GARAGE:

- ▶ Does door close tightly?
- ▶ Does overhead door have a track padlock?
- ▶ Is padlock of high quality?
- ▶ Is hasp of high quality, installed without screws showing?
- ▶ Do you keep overhead doors closed and locked when not in use?
- ▶ Remove vehicle keys when garage is locked?
- ▶ Can garage light be turned on from inside?

EXTERIOR:

- ▶ Do you belong to a NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAM?
- ▶ Are shrubs cut below window level?
- ▶ Are tree limbs cut above window level?
- ▶ Is residence number visible from street and alley?
- ▶ Can mailbox be locked?
- ▶ Is front door well lit?
- ▶ Is back door well lit?
- ▶ Are bicycles, mowers, ladders kept inside?
- ▶ Have you engraved property and put up stickers?

VACATIONS:

- ▶ Do you stop deliveries?
- ▶ Do you set light timers?
- ▶ Is your yard taken care of?
- ▶ Do you arrange for handbills to be picked up?

ADDITIONAL

- ▶ Do you have an alarm system and know how to use it?
- ▶ If you have a gun, is it kept secured?
- ▶ Do you keep most of your cash in the bank?
- ▶ Do you keep a list of all valuable property, credit cards and serial numbers?
- ▶ Do you keep this list in a safe place? A safe deposit box?
- ▶ Do you avoid displaying valuables to strangers?
- ▶ Have you memorized the telephone number of your police?

