

**SECURITY LANDSCAPING** Yes/No

Are the bushes and shrubs trimmed to the lower edge of the window down to a maximum height of 3 feet?

Are the trees cut up 6-7 feet off the ground?

Have "aggressive" plants, such as cactus or bougainvillea been planted in places that a thief might hide or around fences to prevent anyone from jumping into the yard?

**MISCELLANEOUS SECURITY**

Are all secondary outside entrances to the house, such as a basement or an attic, secured?

Is every bicycle secured with a U-bar or disc lock and chain?

Are all grills, lawn mowers and other outside items secured in a locked shed or the garage when not in use?

If there is a safe inside the home, has it been hidden and bolted down?

If the house has an alarm, is it armed whenever the residents are inside?

**IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY** Yes/No

Is the home inventory complete and up-to-date?

Keep an updated home inventory, documenting all serial numbers, taking pictures and/or engraving a driver's license number on all items, especially guns, computers and TV's.

*"One of the best crime prevention tools is having a good neighbor and being one."*

Getting to know your neighbors, learning who lives in the community, which children live in which house and who drives what vehicles is one way to spot a stranger or recognize suspicious activity. When everyone works together, everyone benefits.



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**Home Security Quiz**

*How Secure Is Your Home?*



# How Secure Is Your Home?

Use this survey as a guide to check your home for safety measures. A 'no' answer may indicate an area where you could take action to improve your home's security and help decrease the likelihood that your home is targeted for crime.

## EXTERIOR DOORS/LOCKS

Are all exterior doors solid hardwood or metal?

Do all exterior doors, including the door from the house to the garage, have a single or double cylinder deadbolt lock with a 1-inch throw?

Are the strike plates secured with four screws of at least 2½ inches long?

Does the front door have an eye viewer with at least 180 degree angle, at a height everyone can use?

Does the front door have a metal security screen door?

Do all of the sliding glass doors have an anti-lift device, such screws in the upper track, a dowel in the lower track, a pin lock or a "Charlie-bar", and do they have any additional locking devices?

When you are home and inside, are the doors kept locked to prevent intruders?

When someone knocks on the door, do you let the person know you are home, even if you do not answer the door?

Yes/No

Is the garage door opener disconnected and locked when no one is going to be home for an extended period of time?

Does the garage door have a lock that can secure the door at night?

Is the garage door closed when no one is in the garage or outdoors?

Is the doggy door shut or secured when not in use?

## WINDOW SECURITY

Are all the skylights secured?

Are the supplementary locks, such as thumbscrew or pin locks, used to secure the windows?

Are screws placed in the header or dowels placed in the tracks used to help secure the window or sliding door from being lifted out?

Is window security laminate used on all windows that are more susceptible of being broken to gain entry?

## LIGHTING

Are the outside lights kept on all night?

Yes/No

Are either 'dusk-to-dawn' lighting or motion sensor lighting used at night to supplement the porch or patio lights?

Are motion sensor lights directed at the point of entry that you are trying to protect?

Does the lighting prevent shadowing from shrubs, trees or vehicles inadvertently providing hiding places?

Is there lighting available to make sure the house address is visible at night?

Are the interior lights on timers when the residents are away to make the house appear occupied?

## OUTDOOR SECURITY

Are the back and side yard gates kept locked?

Are the exterior structures, such as tool sheds or extra garages kept locked?

Is the circuit box locked?

Are lights used to illuminate the sidewalk or walkways to the house?

Yes/No