

# Burglary Prevention Checklist for Homes

Survey your home with this checklist. Every “no” check mark shows a weak point that may help a burglar. As you eliminate the “no” checks, you improve your protection.

Go through this list carefully and systematically. You may want to look over this situation in daytime, when most burglars work, as well as in the night.

Remember, this check list only points out your weak points. You are not protected until these are corrected. Complying with those suggestions will not, or course, make your property burglar proof, but will certainly improve your protection.

## DOORS

**YES**

**NO**

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| 1. Are the locks on your most used outside doors of cylinder type?   | ( ) | ( ) |
| 2. Are they of the deadlocking or jimmy-proof type?  | ( ) | ( ) |
| 3. Can any of your door locks be opened by breaking out glass or a panel?  | ( ) | ( ) |
| 4. Do you use chain locks or other auxiliary locks on most utilized doors?   | ( ) | ( ) |
| 5. Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or some similar device that can be operated only from the inside? | ( ) | ( ) |
| 6. Can all of your doors be securely locked?   | ( ) | ( ) |
| 7. Are your locks all in good working order?   | ( ) | ( ) |
| 8. Can you account for all copies of the key to your home?   | ( ) | ( ) |

## WINDOWS

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| 9. Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?  | ( ) | ( ) |
| 10. Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?  | ( ) | ( ) |
| 11. Do you use locks that allow you to lock a window that is partly open?  | ( ) | ( ) |
| 12. In high hazard locations, do you lock a window that is partly open?  | ( ) | ( ) |
| 13. Have you made it more difficult for a burglar by locking up your ladder, and avoiding trellises that can be used as a ladder for climbing? | ( ) | ( ) |

**GARAGE**

**YES**

**NO**

- 14. Do you lock your garage door at night? ( ) ( )
- 15. Do you lock your garage when you are away from home? ( ) ( )
- 16. Do you have good, secure locks on the garage doors and windows? ( ) ( )
- 17. Do you lock your car and take the keys out even when it is parked in your garage? ( ) ( )

**WHEN YOU GO ON A TRIP**

- 18. Do you stop all deliveries or arrange for neighbors to pick up papers, and packages? ( ) ( )
- 19. Do you notify a neighbor? ( ) ( )
- 20. Do you notify your police department? They provide extra watches for vacant homes. ( ) ( )
- 21. Do you have some shades up or lights on so the house doesn't look deserted? ( ) ( )
- 22. Do you arrange to keep your lawn and garden in shape? ( ) ( )

**SAFE PRACTICES**

- 23. Do you plan so that you do not need a "HIDE" key under the door mat? ( ) ( )
- 24. Do you keep as much cash as possible and other valuables in a bank? ( ) ( )
- 25. Do you keep a list of all valuable property? ( ) ( )
- 26. Do you have a list of the serial numbers of your watches, camera, computers, and similar items? ( ) ( )
- 27. Do you have a description of other valuable property that does not have a number? ( ) ( )
- 28. Do you avoid unnecessary display or publicity of your valuables? ( ) ( )
- 29. Have you told your family what to do if they discover a burglar breaking in or already in the home? ( ) ( )
- 30. Have you told your family to leave the house undisturbed and call the police department if they discover a burglary has been committed? ( ) ( )
- 31. Do you report suspicious people and activity to the police immediately? ( ) ( )
- 32. Are you a member of neighborhood watch ( ) ( )

*This checklist was designed to help you go through your home and make a check to see you are not inviting a burglary. The checklist covers the common areas of weakness in residential security. To keep your guard, take a critical look at your home security every three to four months. Don't become lax - crime prevention is a continuous process. If you desire to have a free examination of your residence, please call 344-1835.*