
Home Security Inspection Checklist

This checklist is designed to help you conduct a security survey of your home. The first purpose of a home security inspection is to identify features in and around your home that might make you and your family an easy target for a criminal. The security inspection should begin at your front door, and include an inspection of all your doors and windows, locks, lights, and landscaping. Each question with a “No” answer indicates a security weakness or hazard which requires your attention. If you would like professional advice and assistance conducting a thorough home security inspection, please contact us. We’re here to help!

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Yes *No*

EXTERIOR DOORS

- Are all outside doors in the house of metal or solid wood construction?
- Are door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?
- Are door hinges protected from removal from the outside?
- Are windows in or around any door more than 40 inches away from the locks?
- Are all door locks adequate and in good repair?
- Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?
- Are mail slots, delivery ports or pet entrances in doorways a sufficient distance from the locking mechanism?
- Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?
- Are all entrances lighted with at least a 40 watt light bulb?
- Does the porch or landscaping prevent concealment from view from the street or public areas?
- If there is a sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?
- Is a “charley bar,” dowel, or key-operated auxiliary lock used on sliding glass doors?

Yes No

ENTRANCES FROM GARAGE AND BASEMENT

- Are all entrances to living quarters from the garage and basement of metal or solid wood construction?
- Does the door from the garage to the living quarters have locks adequate for an exterior entrance?
- Does the door from the basement to the living quarters have an adequate lock operated from the living quarters side?

Yes No

WINDOWS

- Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?
- Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?
- Is the exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?
- Are trees and shrubbery trimmed back from upper floor windows?

Yes No

BASEMENT DOORS AND WINDOWS

- If there is an exterior door into the basement, does it meet the security requirements for an exterior door?
- Is the outside basement entrance lighted by an exterior light of at least 40 watts?
- Are all basement windows adequately secured against entrance?

Yes No

GARAGE DOORS AND WINDOWS

- Is the garage door equipped with an adequate locking device?
- Is the garage door kept closed and locked at all times?
- Are the garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?
- Are all entrances to the garage lighted on the outside by at least a 40 watt light bulb?
- Are garage door openers secure and inaccessible to intruders?

Yes No

PERSONAL PROTECTION & LIFE SAFETY

- Does a professionally installed and monitored security system provide exterior and interior protection?
- Do occupants have a way to quickly summon help in an emergency if they can't reach the phone?
- Will authorities be automatically dispatched in the event of a fire?
- Will an audible alarm frighten off an intruder in the event of an attempted break in?
- Will an intruder inside the home be automatically detected?