

Home Security Inspection Checklist



The purpose of this home security inspection sheet is to identify features in your home which might make your home an easy target for a burglar. Each question on the checklist is answered with a response in the second column to indicate a security weakness or hazard which requires your attention.

Front Entrance

Possible Problem	Solutions
1. Is door itself of metal or solid wood construction?	Replace door with solid wood or metal door
2. Is door frame strong and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	Install heavier duty strike, longer screws and Latch Guard
3. Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?	Use Peened Hinges
4. Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?	Use a double sided deadbolt
5. Are the locks adequate and in good repair?	Install new locks – Ultimate Locks
6. Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?	Use longer screws, adjustments to correct problems
7. If there are no windows in door, is there a wide angle viewer or intercom device?	Install a door scope/peep hole
8. Can the lock mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or pet entrance at doorway?	Install double sided deadbolt
9. Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?	Install heavy duty storm door with locks
10. Is exterior or front entrance lighted with at least a 40 watt bulb?	Install sufficient bulb or refer to an electrician
11. Can front entrance be observed from street or public areas?	Move obstructions that limit ability to see entry
12. Does porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from street or public area?	Refer to a landscaper to adjust area to enable visibility

Side or Rear Entrance

Possible Problem	Solutions
13. Is door itself of metal or solid wood construction?	Replace door with solid wood or metal door
14. Is door frame strong and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	Install heavier duty strike, longer screws and Latch Guard
15. Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?	Use Peened Hinges
16. Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?	Use a double sided deadbolt
17. Are the locks adequate and in good repair?	Install new locks – Ultimate Locks
18. Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?	Use longer screws, adjustments to correct problems
19. Can the lock mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or pet entrance?	Install double sided deadbolt
20. Is exterior or front entrance lighted with at least a 40 watt bulb?	Install sufficient bulb or refer to an electrician
21. Is doorway concealed from street or neighbors view by porch, fence or landscaping?	Move obstructions to enable visibility
22. Does doorway have screen or storm door with lock?	Install heavy duty storm door with locks
23. If door is sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of track?	Tighten the door tracks
24. Is a key operated auxiliary lock used on sliding door?	Install key lock and tighten hardware

Entrance From Garage

Possible Problem	Solutions
25. Are all entrances to living quarters from garage of metal or solid wood construction?	Refer to a local door company for door installation
26. Do doors from garage to living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrance?	Install locks on doorway

Ground Floor Windows

Possible Problem	Solutions
27. Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?	Install window locks
28. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from inside?	Refer to a local window company for screen replacement
29. Do any windows open onto areas that may be hazardous or offer special risk to burglary?	Remove hazards
30. Do windows that open to hazardous areas have security screens or grills?	Refer to contractor for installation
31. Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?	Refer to landscaper for clearing of obstructions
32. Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?	Install suitable bulb or refer to an electrician

Upper Floor Windows

Possible Problem	Solutions
33. Do any upper floor windows open onto porch or garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings?	Ensure windows have adequate locks
34. If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level?	Add additional window locks as needed
35. Are trees and taller shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?	Refer to landscaper for adjustment
36. Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?	Use a chain/cable and locks to secure ladders in place

Garage Doors & Windows

Possible Problem	Solutions
37. Is automobile entrance door to garage equipped with adequate locking device?	Refer to home improvement store for garage door close system
38. Is garage door kept closed and locked at all times?	to home improvement store for garage door close system
39. Are garage door windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?	Install window locks
40. Are tools and ladders kept in garage?	Secure tools and ladders with locks
41. Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40 watt light?	Install proper bulb or refer to an electrician

The information provided here may not cover all security risks and concerns. This document is solely to provide some suggested matters to consider. Consult a security expert who can visually examine the security properly and make suggestions based on their findings