

Burglary Prevention Checklist for Homes

Doors

Are all outside doors in the house of metal or solid wood construction? Yes___No___

Are all door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?
Yes___No___

Are door hinges protected from removal from outside? Yes___No___

Are there windows in any door or within 40 inches of the locks? Yes___No___

Are all door locks adequate and in good repair? Yes___No___

Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed? Yes___No___

Can the locking mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or a pet entrance at doorway? Yes___No___

Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock: Yes___No___

Are all entrances lighted with at least a 40 watt light? Yes___No___

Can front entrance be observed from street or public areas? Yes___No___

Does porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from street or public areas?
Yes___No___

If there is a sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track? Yes___No___

Is "charley-bar" or key operated auxiliary lock used on sliding glass door?
Yes___No___

Entrances from Garage and Basement

Are all entrances to living quarters from basement of metal or solid wood?
Yes___No___

Does door from garage to living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrance?
Yes___No___

Windows

Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition? Yes___No___

Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from inside? Yes___No___

Do any windows open onto areas that may be hazardous or offer special risk to burglary?
Yes___No___

Do windows that open to hazardous areas have security screens or grills? Yes___No___

Are exterior areas to windows free from concealing structure or land-scaping?
Yes___No___

Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas? Yes___No___

Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows? Yes___No___

Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible? Yes___No___

Basement Doors and Windows

Is there a door from outside to the basement? Yes___No___

If so, is that door adequately secure for an exterior door? Yes___No___

Is outside basement entrance lighted by exterior light of at least 40 watts? Yes___No___

Is outside basement door concealed from street or neighbors? Yes___No___

Are all basement windows adequately secured against entry? Yes___No___

Garage Doors and Windows

Is automobile entrance door to garage equipped with adequate locking device?
Yes___No___

Is garage door kept closed and locked at all times? Yes___No___

Are garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows? Yes___No___

Is outside utility entrance to garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance?
Yes___No___

Are tools and ladders kept in garage? Yes___No___

Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40 watt light? Yes___No___