



HOME SECURITY INSPECTION CHECKLIST



This checklist gives an indication of the security of your home. Every 'no' checked shows a weak point that may help a burglar gain access to your home. To improve your security, attempt to eliminate the boxes checked 'no.' Go through the list systematically. Remember this checklist only points out your weak areas. Complying with these guidelines will not make your home burglar proof, but it will improve your protection.

FRONT ENTRANCE

	YES	NO
1. Is the door made of metal or solid wood construction?	[]	[]
2. Is the doorframe strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	[]	[]
3. Are the door hinges protected from removal from the outside?	[]	[]
4. Check 'no' if there are windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?	[]	[]
5. Is the door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?	[]	[]
6. Are the strike and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?	[]	[]
7. If there are no windows in the door, is there a wide-angle viewer or voice intercom device?	[]	[]
8. Check 'no' if the lock mechanism can be reached through a mail slot or pet entrance at doorway?	[]	[]
9. Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?	[]	[]
10. Is the exterior or front entrance lighted with at least a 40-watt light?	[]	[]
11. Can the front entrance be observed from street or public areas?	[]	[]
12. Check 'no' if the porch/landscaping blocks the view from the street or public areas?	[]	[]

SIDE OR REAR ENTRANCE

	YES	NO
13. Is the door itself made of metal or solid wood construction?	[]	[]
14. Is the doorframe strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	[]	[]
15. Are the door hinges protected from removal from the outside?	[]	[]
16. Check 'no' if there are windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?	[]	[]
17. Is the door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?	[]	[]
18. Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?	[]	[]

SIDE OR REAR ENTRANCE

	YES	NO
19. Check 'no' if the locking mechanism can be reached from a mail port or pet entrance?	[]	[]
20. Is the exterior of the doorway lighted by at least a 40-watt bulb?	[]	[]
21. Check 'no' if the doorway is concealed from the street or neighbors view?	[]	[]
22. Does the doorway have a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?	[]	[]
23. If the door is sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?	[]	[]
24. Is a "charley-bar" or key-operated lock used on sliding glass door?	[]	[]

ENTRANCES FROM GARAGE AND BASEMENT	YES	NO
25. Are all entrances to the living quarters from garage/basement metal or solid wood construction?	[]	[]
26. Does door from the garage to the living quarters have locks adequate for an exterior entrance?	[]	[]
27. Does the door from the basement have an adequate lock operated from the living quarters side?	[]	[]
GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS	YES	NO
28. Do all of the windows have adequate locks in operating condition?	[]	[]
29. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?	[]	[]
30. Check 'no' if any windows open onto areas that offer special risk to burglary?	[]	[]
31. If so, do these windows have security screens or grills?	[]	[]
32. Are exterior windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?	[]	[]
33. Is the exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?	[]	[]
UPPER FLOOR WINDOWS	YES	NO
34. Check 'no' if the upper floor windows open onto porch/garage roofs or roofs of adjoining buildings?	[]	[]
35. If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level?	[]	[]
36. Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?	[]	[]
37. Check 'no' if there are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?	[]	[]
BASEMENT DOORS AND WINDOWS	YES	NO
38. Check 'no' if there is a door from the outside to the basement?	[]	[]
39. If so, is that door adequately secured for an exterior door?	[]	[]
40. Is the outside basement entrance lighted by an exterior light of at least 40 watts?	[]	[]
41. Check 'no' if there is an outside basement door that is concealed from the street or neighbors?	[]	[]
42. Are all basement windows adequately secured?	[]	[]
GARAGE DOORS AND WINDOWS	YES	NO
43. Is the automobile entrance door to the garage equipped with an adequate locking device?	[]	[]
44. Is the garage door kept closed and locked at all times?	[]	[]
45. Are garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?	[]	[]
46. Is the outside utility entrance to the garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance?	[]	[]
47. Are tools, ladders and other equipment kept in garage?	[]	[]
48. Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40-watt bulb?	[]	[]