

Checklist Purpose

The purpose of this home security checklist is to identify features in your home or daily routines of your family, which might make your home an easy target for a burglar. The security should begin at your front door, including an inspection of all your doors and windows, locks, lights and landscaping. Each question on the checklist that is answered with a no response indicates a security weakness or hazard which requires your attention.



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Emergency, dial 911

Non-emergency, dial 770-445-2117

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Complete the following checklist and take steps to improve any item that presents a potential security weakness.

- Are all exterior doors and frames strong enough to withstand an attack? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Have you trimmed all bushes and shrubs to provide visibility to all windows and to prevent people from hiding near doors and windows? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Do all your exterior doors have good quality deadbolt locks with no less than a 1 inch throw? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Does your door leading from your garage have a good quality deadbolt installed? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Do you have exterior floodlights or similar lighting illuminating all sides of your home at night? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Have you documented and photographed all possessions including computers, furniture, jewelry, guns, etc. that are in your house? Circle **Yes** or **No**
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- Do all of your exterior doors have a wide-angle viewer installed for identifying visitors? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Is your address clearly visible from the street in the event emergency people need to find you quickly? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Did you change locks when you first moved into your home? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Are there any inside locks that can be reached and opened (within 40 inches or 1 meter), should the door glass or any adjacent window be broken? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Does your home have an alarm system? (Monitored alarms are good, but audible alarms are the best deterrent.) Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Do you have timers for multiple lights in your home? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Are all doors and windows, including garage and basement, locked at night and every time you leave the house? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Are all grills, lawn mowers and other outdoor valuables stored in a locked garage or shed or hidden from view? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Do you discontinue mail and newspaper service when away from home on vacation or business? Circle **Yes** or **No**
- Does your telephone answering machine avoid announcing "We're not home right now"? Circle **Yes** or **No**

Although nothing can guarantee freedom from being a victim of crime, simple precautions can add an extra measure of protection. That extra measure may save you from becoming a statistic.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you in this community's fight against crime. We urge you not only to take steps to make your own residence safer, but also to become active in a Neighborhood Watch program for the benefit of your entire community.

