

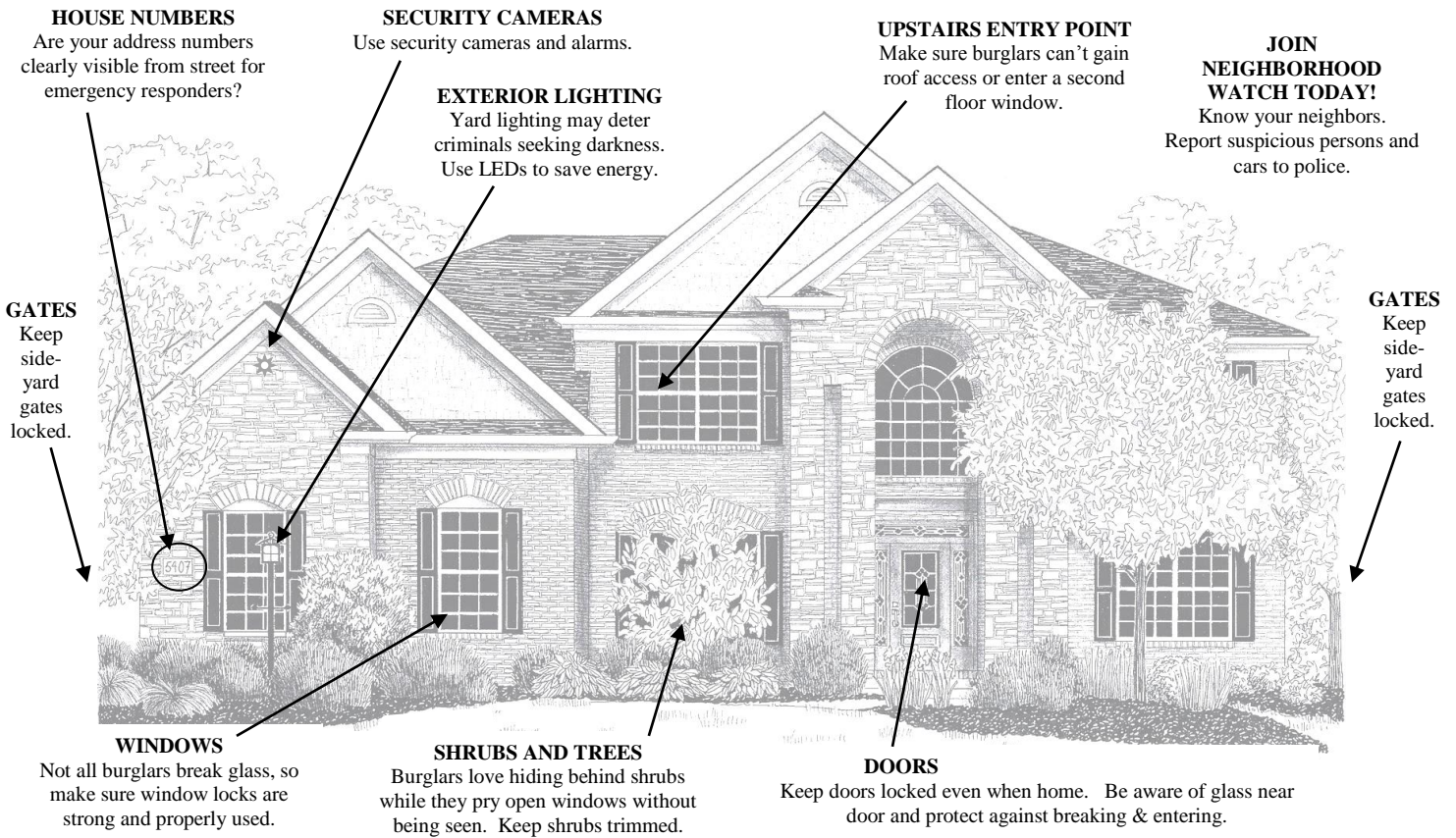


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HOME SECURITY ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST FOR RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION

This checklist is intended to help you make a security survey of your own home. The first purpose of a home security inspection 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 inspection should begin at your front door, include an inspection of all your doors and windows, locks, lights and landscaping, and include some thoughts about your habits. Each question on the checklist which you answer with an "x" or a check mark in the second column indicates a security weakness or hazard which requires your attention.



Do not enter your home if you think you have been burglarized – call police to check interior before you enter!

EXTERIOR DOORS	YES	NO
All doors are locked at night and every time you and/or your family leave the house – even for a few minutes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exterior door are made of solid hardwood, solid core, or metal-clad?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors feature wide-angle viewers or "peepholes" at heights everyone can use? (Be cautious. Look before opening door)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are glass panels in or near doors, are they reinforced in some way or made to be shatter resistant?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If glass is near door (within 40 inches) are there double-cylinder deadbolts in entry door to prevent a reach-in unlock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do all exterior entry doors have deadbolt locks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Door jambs reinforced with large metal jamb plate attached to wall studs with at least 3" screws? (Standard door locks have strike plates screwed to jamb only, not 2x4" wall stud wood).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under door mat, under a pot or rock, mailbox, or above door casing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can all your house keys be accounted for? (If not you should consult a locksmith and change the keys)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sliding glass doors have locking pins in track, key locks or other mechanism to prevent forced entry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a motion sensor chime at front porch, front entry gate, or doorway to announce unseen visitors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

GARAGE SECURITY AND ACCESS	YES	NO
The door leading from the attached garage to the house is a solid-core or metal-clad, and protected with deadbolts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Side door, if any, leading to backyard is solid-core or metal-clad, and protected with deadbolts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overhead garage door has a lock which overrides the garage door opener to prevent unauthorized opening?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WINDOWS SECURITY	YES	NO
Every window in the house has working lock or securing pins?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Window air conditioner, if equipped, secured to prevent burglar from removing for entry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any windows left open a few inches for ventilation are pinned to prevent further opening or removal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curtains and/or blinds drawn to conceal valuables?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OUTDOOR SECURITY – LIGHTING & LANDSCAPING	YES	NO
Side yard gates locked with padlocks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trash side yard secured to prevent access or entry to rear yard or home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dark areas of property feature motion sensor lights to prevent a burglar from prowling in the dark?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doorways, driveways and porch areas have lights to turn on to see visitors or investigate noises?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor lighting on a photocell or motion sensor to provide scare lighting whether home or not?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Address numbers clearly displayed on house so police and/or fire dept. can find the house quickly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is mailbox locked to prevent mail theft/identity theft?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bushes & shrubs trimmed below window height to prevent a burglary from using them for concealment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your electrical service panel have a padlock over circuit breaker cover to prevent someone from turning off your power? (This may disable an alarm unless equipped with a battery back-up)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Second story roof inaccessible via trees, trellis, fence/wall, or unsecured ladder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upstairs windows and balcony doors always kept locked? (Some burglars enter via upstairs doors or windows)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SECURITY WHEN AWAY FROM HOME	YES	NO
At least two lights on timers inside house to go on & off in logical sequence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home alarm system installed? All family members familiar with setting & disabling alarm functions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alarm signs or window stickers in plain view to dissuade a burglar from entering?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A video surveillance system is installed and used regularly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security camera coverage is adequate? (Porch, all doors & windows, street area, side yards, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mail and newspaper stopped during planned vacations? (If you trust those employees to know you're gone)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mail and newspaper collected by a trusted neighbor or relative (preferred over stopping at USPS?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does a trusted neighbor clean-up junk mailers from door step and entry way while away?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you complete a "Vacation Check" request form at Police Department when away on vacation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When away for an extended period of time, does your neighbor or someone else take care of your lawns?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you notify neighbors and police when someone house sits for you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HOMEOWNER/OCCUPANT HABITS AND ROUTINES	YES	NO
Do you regularly set your alarm when leaving your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you always lock doors & windows while at home or away? (Keep them locked while home too)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you refrain from announcing your location on Facebook & social media when away from home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you always put away bicycles & toys left out on yard or driveway or lock them up? (Could invite theft)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you leave your garage door open during the day while not in the garage or immediate area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firearms stored in gun safe or proper storage containers? (Serial & model numbers recorded somewhere?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you video recorded your home's interior and contents?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you inventoried your valuables and recorded serial numbers, makes, models, values?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have copies of security documents and other important papers at a secondary location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have police & fire dept business number posted at your telephone or saved in cell phone favorites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you always lock your car while on your driveway or parked on the street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you hidden your garage door opener/remote control inside your car? (Most people clip their garage remote to their car's sun visor not realizing that burglars expect to find it there).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you always remove valuables from plain sight in your car whether at home, shopping or elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you personally receive deliveries at home versus left on the porch by Amazon.com, USPS, FedEx, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you involved in Neighborhood Watch and call the police to report suspicious persons and cars?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you use Anti-Theft Dots to mark and identify your property in case it's stolen? (See PVEPD for details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>