



# Home Security Checklist

Side 1

**Use this as a guide as check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked “no” indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home’s security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted.**

## Exterior Doors

	Yes	No
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it’s just for a few minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and a sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door. <i>Link: <a href="#">Reinforcing doors</a></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, <i>not</i> under a doormat or planter, on a ledge or in the mailbox.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Garage and Sliding Door Security

	Yes	No
The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid hardwood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding glass door has an anti-slide lock or a snug-fitting dowel in the track. <i>* Key locks not recommended as they may prevent exit in the event of a fire.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A dowel or pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Protecting Windows

	Yes	No
Every window in the house has an anti-slide lock or is securely pinned. <i>* Key locks not recommended as they may prevent exit in the event of a fire.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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## Outdoor Security

**Yes**

**No**

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.

There are no dark areas around the house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.

Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.

Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.

Outdoor lights are on in the evening-whether someone is at home or not, *or* a motion sensor or photocell lighting system has been installed.

Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.

## Security When Away From Home

**Yes**

**No**

At least two light timers have been set to turn lights on and off in a logical sequence when we are away from home for an extended time period.

The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.

Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor or friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time.

A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.

## Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

**Yes**

**No**

Grills, lawn mowers and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or are hidden from view with a tarp/cover and securely locked to a stationery point.

Bicycles are always locked, even if we leave for just a minute.

Firearms are stored unloaded and locked.

Valuable items such a TV's stereos and computers have been engraved with identifying numbers.

Home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures or video. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.

**The Lake Forest Park Police Department has a Vacation House Check Program. Call (206) 364-8216 for more information.**