

# Home / Vehicle Security Checklist

Use this as a guide as you check your home and vehicle for safety measures. Boxes marked "No" indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home/vehicle security. These are some steps that should be taken in order to decrease the likelihood that you are the victim of a crime.

<b>Exterior Doors:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
All doors are locked at night and every time you leave the house - even if it's just for a few minutes.		
Entry doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.		
If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.		
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.		
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor or the police department, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.		
Home security systems is functioning properly and activated.		

<b>Garage/Sliding Door/Windows:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
The door leading into the home from the garage is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.		
The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic garage door opener to provide security.		
Sliding glass doors have strong, working locks.		
A dowel or a pin to secure the sliding glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.		
Sliding glass doors are locked every night and each time you leave the house.		
Every window in the home has a working key lock or is securely pinned.		
Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.		

<b>Outdoor Security:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Shrubs / bushes are trimmed to so there is no place for someone to hide.		
There are no dark areas around your house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.		
Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.		
Floodlights are equipped with cameras and/or motion sensors and are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.		
Doorbells are equipped with cameras and motion sensors.		
House number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency responders can find the house quickly.		

<b>Security When Away from Home:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
At least two light timers have been set to turn the 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 systems have been activated when you leave your home.		
Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up when away from home for a period of time.		

<b>Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.		
Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute and are kept out of plain view.		
Firearms (if applicable) are stored unloaded and locked in a safe or securely locked container with trigger guard locks.		

<b>***Vehicle Security: ***</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Vehicle windows are up and the doors locked.		
The key fob is out of the vehicle and secured in the residence out of plain view of doors and windows.		
Vehicle's audible alarm is functioning and activated.		
All valuables are removed from inside of the vehicle.		
The garage door opener has been removed from inside of the vehicle.		
You know the basic information of your vehicle (license plate number, make, model, year, etc.)		
Your vehicle is equipped with GPS tracking capabilities. Your account is active and you know your credentials.		