

# **BURGLARY PREVENTION CHECKLIST FOR HOMES**

## **Doors and Entry Areas**

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| Are your doors of solid core construction?  | Yes No |
| Do entry doors have a wide-angle viewer?  | Yes No |
| Are the door locks secure from being opened if a burglar breaks outglass or a panel of light wood?                            | Yes No |
| Do exterior doors have cylinder-type deadbolt locks with at least a one-inchthrow and beveled cylinder guard?                 | Yes No |
| Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or some similar securedevice that can be operated only from the inside? | Yes No |
| Can all of your doors (basement, porch, french, balcony) be securely locked?  | Yes No |
| Do your basement doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of the house?   | Yes No |
| Are your locks all in good repair?  | Yes No |
| Are the door strike plates installed with three-inch wood screws?   | Yes No |
| Do you know everyone who has a key to your house?   | Yes No |
| Do all outswinging doors have the hinges pinned or have non-removablepins?  | Yes No |
| Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery and other decor to permit maximum visibility?                                       | Yes No |
| Does the porch light have a minimum 60-watt bulb?   | Yes No |
| Do sliding doors have an auxiliary lock that locks both the door panelstogether or active side to the frame?                  | Yes No |
| Do sliding glass doors lift out of the track?   | Yes No |
| Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp, or other good auxiliary lock?  | Yes No |
| Do you lock your garage door at night?  | Yes No |

Do you lock your garage door when you are away from home? Yes No

Do you lock your car and take the keys even when it is parked in your garage? Yes No

### **Windows**

Are all windows equipped with auxiliary key leeks or pinned? Yes No

Have you replaced or secured louvered windows? Yes No

Are your window locks properly and securely mounted? Yes No

Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut? Yes No

Do you use locks that allow you to lock a window that is partly opened? Yes No

In high hazard locations, do you use bars or ornamental grilles? Yes No

Do you have good, secure locks on garage windows? Yes No

Do you have garage windows covered with curtains? Yes No

Are you as careful of basement and second floor windows as you are of those on the first floor? Yes No

### **Safe Practices**

Do you keep a list of all valuable property? Yes No

Do you have a list of the serial numbers of your watches, cameras, typewriters, TV's, and other similar items? Yes No

Do you have a description of other valuable property that does not have a number? Yes No

Do you avoid unnecessary display of your valuables? Yes No

Do you keep excess cash and other valuable in a bank? Yes No

Do you "hide" a key under the door mat or similar item? Yes No

Are your trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places? Yes No

Are lights installed around the perimeter of your house? Yes No

Have you made it more difficult for the burglar by locking up your ladder, avoiding trellises and drain pipes that can be used as a ladder for access to the second floor or roof? Yes No

Have you told your family what to do if they discover a burglar breaking in or already in the house? Yes No

Do you have emergency telephone numbers listed by the phone? Yes No