**Burglary Prevention Checklist for Homes**

This checklist was designed to help you make a security survey of your home. It can help you identify features in your home or daily routines of your family that might make your home an easy target for a burglar.

Begin the checklist at your front door; then inspect each of your doors and windows, locks, lights, and your landscaping. Each question on the checklist that you answer with “NO” indicates a security weakness or hazard that requires your attention.

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|  | **Doors** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1 | Are all outside doors in the house of metal or solid wood construction? |  |  |
| 2 | Are all exterior doors equipped with single cylinder deadbolt locks? |  |  |
| 3 | Are door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading? |  |  |
| 4 | Are all door locks adequate and in good repair? |  |  |
| 5 | Are all exterior doors equipped with heavy-duty strike plates with a minimum of 3" screws to secure them? |  |  |
| 6 | Has the hole in the doorjamb, surrounded by the strike plate, been drilled at least 1" deep? |  |  |
| 7 | Is it impossible for the locking mechanism to be reached through a mail slot, delivery port, or pet door? |  |  |
| 8 | If there is a screen or storm door, does it have an adequate lock? |  |  |
| 9 | Are all entrances lighted with at least a 4O-watt light? |  |  |
| 10 | Are outside lights controlled by timers or photo-electric cells, for automatic operation? |  |  |
| 11 | Can the front entrance be observed from the street or public area? |  |  |
| 12 | Do you know everyone who has a key to your residence? |  |  |
| 13 | Are porch and landscaping areas lighted, to avoid someone concealing themselves from view from street or public area? |  |  |
| 14 | If there is a sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of its track? |  |  |
| 15 | Is a "charley-bar" or key-operated auxiliary lock used on sliding glass doors? |  |  |
| 16 | Do you have an alarm system or a dog, to warn off intruders? |  |  |

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|  | **Basements and Other Entrances** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1 | Are all entrances to living quarters from garage, porch, balcony and basement made of metal or solid wood construction? |  |  |
| 2 | Does the door from a garage or basement to the living quarters have an adequate lock operated from the living quarters’ side of the door? |  |  |
| 3 | If there is a door from outside to the basement, is that door adequately secure for an exterior door? |  |  |
| 4 | Is any outside basement entrance lighted by an exterior light of at least 40 watts? |  |  |
| 5 | Can any outside basement door be seen from the street or by neighbors? |  |  |
| 6 | Are all basement windows adequately secured against entrance? |  |  |

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|  | **Windows** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1 | Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition? |  |  |
| 2 | If windows have screens or storm windows, do they lock from inside? |  |  |
| 3 | Do the windows opening to hazardous areas or offering increased risk of burglary have additional security? |  |  |
| 4 | Do windows that open to hazardous areas have security screens, grills or bars that open from the inside? |  |  |
| 5 | Is the area around windows clear of bushes and foliage, so that nobody can lurk and hide there? [Note: Low foliage is also a wildfire prevention tip.] |  |  |

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|  | **Daily Practices** | **Yes** | **No** |
| 1 | When you are not in the garage, is your garage door closed and locked? |  |  |
| 2 | If your car is on the street or in the driveway, is it always locked, with no valuables out in plain sight? |  |  |
| 3 | When you have workers coming to your house, especially if you’re not present, do you tell a neighbor, so they can easily identify the workers? |  |  |
| 4 | Does everyone in the family know to leave immediately and call 9-1-1, if you suspect someone has broken into your home? |  |  |