

Garage doors are closed when not in active use. Yes No

Sliding glass doors have an anti-lift device or plate and an additional locking device. Yes No

A dowel or a pin to secure a sliding glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track. Yes No

The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house. Yes No

Outdoor Security

Shrubs and bushes are cut to the lower edge of the window, so you can see the window clearly. Yes No

Trees are cut 6-7 feet off the ground, so no one can use them to hide behind. Yes No

Do you leave a front porch or carport light on all night, or use motion sensor lighting? Yes No

Are gates to the backyard secured? Yes No

Is the circuit box secured? Yes No

If you have any access to your attic from outside, is it secured? Yes No

Is your address visible from the street during the day and at night? Yes No

Do you have any "hidden" keys? Remove them if you do. Burglars know all the hiding places! Yes No

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security laminated padlocks. Yes No

Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed. Yes No

Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar or quality padlock and chain. Yes No

Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute. Yes No

Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house. Yes No

Other recommendations:

- Disconnect the electric door opener when leaving home for an extended period of time.
- Engrave valuables (For more information, refer to our Operation Identification brochure).



HOME SAFETY QUIZ & RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SURVEY



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A Home Safety Quiz

- Do you know if any burglaries or acts of vandalism have occurred in your neighborhood recently?
- Do you know and look out for your neighbors? Do they look out for you?
- Is your shrubbery trimmed so it doesn't cover any doors or windows?
- Are your home's external doors made of solid wood or metal?
- Do they have deadbolts?
- Have you properly secured all means of entry, including sliding glass doors, skylights, and basement windows?
- Do you use your door and window locks, even when working in the yard, running an errand or just being in the house?
- If your front door does not have a window do you have and use a peephole?
- Do you avoid hiding keys outside the house?
- Have you marked valuable property with numbers recommended by the police?

- Do your children know not to open the door to strangers and not to give your address to strangers over the telephone?
- Do you alert a neighbor when you'll be away from home for more than a day?
- Do you use timers to turn lights and radios on and off when you're on vacation?
- Are vacant lots in your neighborhood cleaned up?
- Have you joined a neighborhood watch or apartment watch organization?

If you answered "yes" to all 15 questions, Congratulations! A score of 10 or more indicates your home is fairly secure. Under 10? You're a good target and should make your home more secure.



Residential Security Survey

Use this as a guide as you 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
Do all exterior doors have deadbolt locks with a 1-inch throw?

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.

Doors feature wide-angle peepholes, with at least a 180 degree angle, at heights everyone can use.

If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.

Do all exterior doors have security strike plates with at least four or more 3" screws?

Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.

Garage and Sliding Door Security
The door leading from the attached garage to the house 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 door opener to provide security.