

	Yes	No
Door And Entry Areas <i>(Including Garage Side Doors)</i>		
1. Do you plan so that you do not need to "hide" a key under the doormat or similar place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you know everyone who has a key to your house? (Or are keys still in the possession of previous owners and friends?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery and other decor to permit maximum visibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are your trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Are lights installed around the perimeter of your house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do the front, back or side porch lights have a minimum 60-watt bulb?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are your exterior doors of solid core construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Do entry doors have a 190° wide angle viewer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do exterior doors have cylinder-type dead bolt locks with at least a one-inch throw and beveled cylinder guard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or some similar secure device that can be operated only from the inside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Can all of your doors (basement, porch, french or balcony) be securely locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Do your basement doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of your house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Are all your locks in good repair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Are the door strike plates (the jamb fastening that receives the bolt in the locking position) installed with three-inch screws?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Do all out-swinging doors have locking pins or non-removable hinges with pins?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Do sliding doors have an auxiliary lock that locks both the door panels together? Or do you have a lock that locks the active side to the frame?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp or other good auxiliary lock? And do you use it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Do you lock your garage door at night?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Do you lock your garage door when you are away from home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Do you lock your garage door leading into the house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Do you lock your car and take the keys out even when it is parked in your garage or driveway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Windows		
22. Are all windows equipped with auxiliary locks or pinned?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23. Have you replaced or secured louvered windows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26. Do you have good, secure locks on garage windows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Do you have garage windows covered with curtains or blinds?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Are you as careful of basement and second floor windows as you are of those on the first floor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

When You Are On A Trip

29. Do you arrange for neighbors or friends to pick up newspapers, mail, packages and other deliveries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Do you notify a neighbor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Do you notify your local police or sheriff's department? (Some jurisdictions provide vacation checks of homes.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Do you arrange to keep your lawn maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Do you use timing devices to turn your lamps, radios or televisions on and off?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Do you arrange to have a neighbor put out your garbage can and put it back in the yard?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Next Step

Now that you have identified the weak points in your home security, you can take the next step and learn about securing your home. The next section of this handbook describes what's needed to secure your home — what's a good lock, a good door and secure windows.