



Home Security Checklist

Side 1

Use this as a guide as 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

All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it’s just for a few minutes.

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.

Doors feature wide-angle peepholes 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.

All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and a sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.

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 hardwood 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.

Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.

The sliding glass door has an anti-slide lock or a snug-fitting dowel in the track.

** Key locks not recommended as they may prevent exit in the event of a fire.*

A dowel or pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.

The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.

Protecting Windows

Yes No

Every window in the house has an anti-slide lock or is securely pinned.

** Key locks not recommended as they may prevent exit in the event of a fire.*

Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.

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Side 2

Outdoor Security

	Yes	No
Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no dark areas around the house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor lights are on in the evening-whether someone is at home or not, <i>or</i> a motion sensor or photocell lighting system has been installed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Security When Away From Home

At least two light timers have been set to turn lights on and off in a logical sequence when we are away from home for an extended time period.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor or friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

Grills, lawn mowers and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or are hidden from view with a tarp/cover and securely locked to a stationery point.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycles are always locked, even if we leave for just a minute. <i>* Shoreline Police has a bicycle registration program.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firearms are stored unloaded and locked. <i>*Shoreline Police has Project Home Safe providing free gun locks to Shoreline residents.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valuable items such a TV's stereos and computers have been engraved with identifying numbers <i>* Shoreline Police has an Operation ID program.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures or video. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Shoreline Police Storefronts have a Vacation House Check Program. Call the main Precinct 206-546-6730, or a storefront office, 546-3636/363-8424, for more information.