

BURGLARY PREVENTION CHECKLIST FOR HOMES

This checklist was designed to help you make a security survey of your own home.

The first purpose of a home security inspection is to identify features in your home or daily routines of your family which might make your home an easy target for a burglar.

The security inspection should begin at your front door, include an inspection of all your doors and windows, locks, lights and landscaping. Each question on the checklist which you answer with an "x" or a check mark in the second column indicates a security weakness or hazard which requires your attention.

DOORS

1	Are all outside doors in the house of metal or solid wood construction?	Yes___ No___
2	Are door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	Yes___ No___
3	Are door hinges protected from removal from the outside?	Yes___ No___
4	Are there windows in any door or within 40 inches of the locks?	Yes___ No___
5	Are all door locks adequate and in good repair?	Yes___ No___
6	Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?	Yes___ No___
7	Can the locking mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or pet entrance at the door?	Yes___ No___
8	Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?	Yes___ No___
9	Are all entrances lighted with at least a 40 watt light?	Yes___ No___
10	Can front entrances be observed from the street or public area?	Yes___ No___

11	Does the porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from the street or public area?	Yes___ No___
12	If there is a sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of its track?	Yes___ No___
13	Is the "charley-bar" or a key operated auxiliary lock used on sliding glass doors?	Yes___ No___

ENTRANCES FROM GARAGE AND BASEMENT

14	Are all entrances to the living quarters from a garage or basement of metal or solid wood construction?	Yes___ No___
15	Does the door from the garage to the living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrances?	Yes___ No___
16	Does the door from the basement to the living quarters have an adequate lock operated from the living quarters side?	Yes___ No___

WINDOWS

17	Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?	Yes___ No___
18	Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?	Yes___ No___
19	Do any windows open into areas that may be hazardous or offer special risk to burglary?	Yes___ No___
20	Do windows that open into hazardous areas have security screens or grills?	Yes___ No___
21	Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structure or landscaping?	Yes___ No___
22	Is the exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?	Yes___ No___
23	Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?	Yes___ No___
24	Are ladders kept outside the house where they are not accessible?	Yes___ No___

BASEMENT DOORS AND WINDOWS

25	Is there a door from the outside to the basement?	Yes___ No___
26	If so, is that door adequately secure for an exterior door?	Yes___ No___
27	Is the outside basement entrance lighted by an exterior light of at least 40 watts?	Yes___ No___
28	Is the outside basement door concealed from the street or neighbors?	Yes___ No___
29	Are all basement windows adequately secured against entrance?	Yes___ No___

GARAGE DOORS AND WINDOWS

30	Is the automobile entrance door to the garage equipped with an adequate locking device?	Yes___ No___
31	Is the garage door kept closed and locked at all times?	Yes___ No___
32	Are the garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?	Yes___ No___
33	Is the outside utility entrance to the garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance?	Yes___ No___
34	Are tools and ladders kept in the garage?	Yes___ No___
35	Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40 watt light?	Yes___ No___