

Home Security Checklist

	Yes	No
Good quality locks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors properly secured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows properly secured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anti-slide security protection on sliding glass doors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage and shed secured and locked	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timer to control lighting when away from home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Main entrances visible from street and neighbours' homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Someone to pick up mail when away from home	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valuables marked for identification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serial numbers recorded	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Take action on items marked "No"



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Protect Your Family from Break and Enters

Each year, thousands of people in our community become the victims of residential break and enters. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property is stolen. In many cases, the buildings entered are easily broken into and the property stolen is not identifiable because the owners have not recorded serial numbers or marked the property to enable positive identification.

Given time and opportunity, a thief can break into almost any home, but you can take a number of precautions to reduce the chances of being victimized.

Reduce Your Chances of being Victimized

- Determine possible entry points and identify any weaknesses they may have.
- Install good quality locks and keep your doors locked at all times.
- Chain locks are poor security. Install a door eye-viewer.
- If you are in doubt about the safety of your locks, contact a reputable locksmith.

Secure Doors & Windows

- Exterior doors should be solid core construction.
- Ensure that door frames are solid and equipped with a proper strike plate.
- Make sliding glass doors and windows more secure by placing a wood stick between the frame and sliding door or window.

Make Safety a Habit

- Keep valuables in a safety deposit box at your bank. If this is not possible, store all valuables in a hiding place in your home.
- Do not keep large amounts of money in your home.
- Draw window curtains or blinds after dark.
- Change your routine often. Criminals can act on your routine as well.
- Consider installing an alarm system.

- Record the serial numbers of your property and consider marking items with a personal number such as your social insurance or driver's licence number to ensure that they can be identified easily.
- Use a timer for interior or exterior lights if you are away after dark.
- Garages and sheds are favourite targets for criminals. They should also be properly secured and locked at all times.

Prepare for Vacation

- Inform trusted neighbours of your departure and return dates and leave a phone number where you can be contacted.
- Leave a house key with someone you trust and have them check your house regularly.
- Have your trusted neighbour pick up newspapers and mail.
- Arrange for trimming of the lawn and clearing of the walkways to make it appear as if someone is home.
- Have a neighbour park their car in your driveway.

