

Burglary Prevention Checklist

Doors and Entry Area

- Are your doors solid core construction?
- Do your entry doors have a wide-angle viewer?
- Are the locks secure from being opened if a burglar breaks a glass or a panel of wood?
- Do your exterior doors have deadbolt locks with at least a one-inch throw and beveled cylinder guards?
- Can all your doors be securely locked?
- Do the lock strike plates have screws at least 3 inches long going into the house framing?
- Do all your out-swinging doors have the hinges pinned or have non-removable pins?
- Are all entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery and other decor to permit maximum visibility?
- Do sliding doors have an auxiliary lock that locks both the door panels together?
- Do your sliding glass doors lift out of the track?
- Is your garage door secured with a lock, hasp, or similar lock other than just the door opener?
- Do you lock your car and remove the keys even while it is parked in the garage?

Safe Practices

- Do you keep a list, pictures, or a video of all your valuable property?
- Do you have the serial numbers to all your valuables and bicycles?
- Do you avoid unnecessary display of your valuables?
- Do you "hide" a key somewhere outside your home?
- Do you have lighting installed and in use around the outside of your home?
- Have you secured your ladder?
- Do you have a list of emergency numbers by every phone?
- Have you discussed with your family what to do if you find a burglar in your house?
- Do you have a smoke detector installed in your home?
- Do you have a plan in place with your family in case of a fire in your home?

Windows

- Are all windows equipped with auxiliary key locks or are they pinned?
- Have you replaced or secured louvered windows?
- Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?
- Do you keep your windows locked when shut?
- Do you use locks that will allow you to lock a window when it is partially open?
- Do you have good secure locks on garage windows?
- Are you as careful to secure your second floor windows as you are to secure those on the first floor?