



Home Security Checklist

Side 1

Use this as a guide to 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 when leaving the house-even if it’s just for a few minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad with four screw strike plates, using 3” screws.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and a sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door. <i>Link: Reinforcing Doors (Family Handyman)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, <i>not</i> under a doormat or planter, on a ledge or in the mailbox.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overhead garage door has a lock so that you do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage doors are locked when leaving the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding glass doors have an anti-slide lock or a snug-fitting dowel in the track. <i>* Key locks not recommended as they may prevent exit in the event of a fire.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding doors are locked every night and each time leaving the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Protecting Windows

Every window in the house has an anti-slide lock or is securely pinned. <i>* Key locks not recommended as they may prevent exit in the event of a fire.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Side 2

Outdoor Security

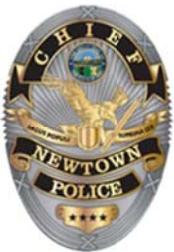
	Yes	No
Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide. (Recommended 3-4' tall for shrubs/bushes: 6-7' limbed up for trees.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no dark areas around the house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>
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 away from home for an extended time period.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The motion detector or other alarm system (if you have one) has been activated when leaving your home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
You have contacted Newtown Police to complete a Vacation/Away Notification, and mail/newspaper deliveries have been stopped or being picked up by friend.	<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 stationary point.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycles are always locked, even if left for just a minute.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firearms are stored unloaded and locked.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home inventory is up-to-date (make, model, serial numbers, description) and includes pictures or video. A complete copy is kept somewhere outside of the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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