

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 ___