My Safe Home Today

Steps In Keeping You and Your Family Safe From Home Invasions Starting Today

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Life Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness

Feeling safe and secure in our homes and in our neighborhood can give us the peace of mind that we all desire and deserve. "Life liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness". Remaining independent and actively participating in community life becomes increasingly more important with age. Hopefully this well be a valuable safety resource for you, as well as the general community. The goal of this booklet is to offer simple, practical tips and strategies to improve household and personal safety. Individual actions can assist in decreasing crime, but more significantly feeling safe and less vulnerable will enable us all to lead more independent and enjoyable lives.

Awareness is The Key to Home Burglary Prevention

Many of us, because of our busy life style make us a little more vulnerable to a home invasion simply because there is so much other things on our mind. With work, kids, elderly parents and many other obligations; home security is usually not as high on our list as should be, but to be honest safety and security should be a high priority on your list simply to provide you with a much deserve sense of well being.

Protect Yourself Against Home Burglary:

Whether you live in a house, a condo or an apartment, a break-in can permanently ruin your feeling of security at home.
Fortunately, burglary is probably the most preventable of crimes.
You can reduce the risk of having your home burglarize.
Of course, every home and every situation is different, and there are no guarantees.
Ask yourself this question.
Do you want to be the next victim of crime?
So many homeowners and renters do not act and address their home security needs.
They wait until they have been burgled as a prompt to look at their home security needs. Prevention is always better than cure so why not take action today before it's too late!

Did you know? Many residential burglaries occur during the day because homes tend to be vacant more often?

Where Do Burglars Strike First

Once a burglar has selected a home to burglarize, most will spend no more than a minute trying to break in and less than 12 minutes inside.

Most residential burglaries occur on the first or ground floor.

The point of entry is usually made at the rear or by a side door, the second most common access is the garage door.

Many burglaries occur during daytime hours when homes are empty.
In order to out think a burglar, you need to think like one.
Here are a few questions a burglar would ask himself before he breaks into your home.
Ask this question to yourself. If you were a burglar targeting your own home:

How would you get in to your home?
Evaluate your home from the inside and out, night and day.
You might even try a "mock" break-in, trying window jambs and loose locks on your house's perimeter.
Just let the neighbors know what you're up to before you go lurking in the bushes.

Which Homes are Most Vulnerable: Is Yours One of Them?

'Thieves will scan your house and take a mental photograph of what they can see through your windows, whether your garden gate is open, what lock is on your front door, whether you've left the keys hanging in it. You don't need to have hi-tech cameras everywhere - you just have to be sensible. Think like a burglar, and you'll see where your weaknesses lie.'

Inside the Burglars Mind: What Properties do Burglars Target?

Burglars will look for certain things when finding a suitable property to break in to.
These include:
Lots of places to hide (eg. bushes or fences)
No obvious security measures (eg. alarm system, security doors, warning signs)
No dog
On a corner of two streets
A long driveway leading to the house
The house is isolated from other houses
Something worth stealing
Neighborhoods where most of the residents are out at work or school during the day
Signs of material comfort

(There is a misconception that if you life on a busy street you will not be burgled. In fact, because the street is busy, most people will not even look twice at someone loading items into a car – motorists driving past will only glance over and think "Oh, the people are moving".)

Don't Make It Easy for Them!!

Most criminals who burglarize homes are looking for an easy target; a house that they can break into quickly, take something of value, and leave without being detected. There are professional burglars who can gain entry in almost any home if they want, most criminals who break into homes are got lucky with an open window or unlocked door. There's no 100% way to keep out a burglar, but every little bit of prevention helps. You can take a few minutes to make your home a little safer. Some relatively simple steps will greatly decrease the odds of a break-in,
which means you can enjoy a bit more peace of mind.

Check your Doors!

Door Locks From a Burglar's Perspective
Burglars prefer to break into a home through a door because it is quick and easy. A good quality lock is a deterrent. When intruders are interviewed about the selection of a target, many say seeing quality deadbolt locks will cause them to move on to another house.
A burglar can enter the home through a door using several methods:
The door can be left unlocked.
Doors can be kicked in.
Door locks can be picked.
Door locks can be hammered until they fall off.
Doors can be pried open.
Door frames can be spread apart with a spreader bar.
Door locks can be "drilled out" using a power drill.
Locks can be pried off with pipe wrenches or pliers.
Panes of glass in or beside doors can be broken so the intruder can reach in and unlock the lock.

Sometimes thieves obtain a copy of the house key from an acquaintance. Remember, the intruder will select the door that looks easiest to break into and that offers the least chance of being seen. Doors going into the garage and going from an attached garage into the house many times offer an intruder the opportunity to hide from view while they are breaking in. Extra thought should go into the security at these locations.

Your Goal is to make it as difficult as possible for a would be burglar.
Making things too hard and too risky including awareness are the best defenses you have. To protect you and your family and your Property.

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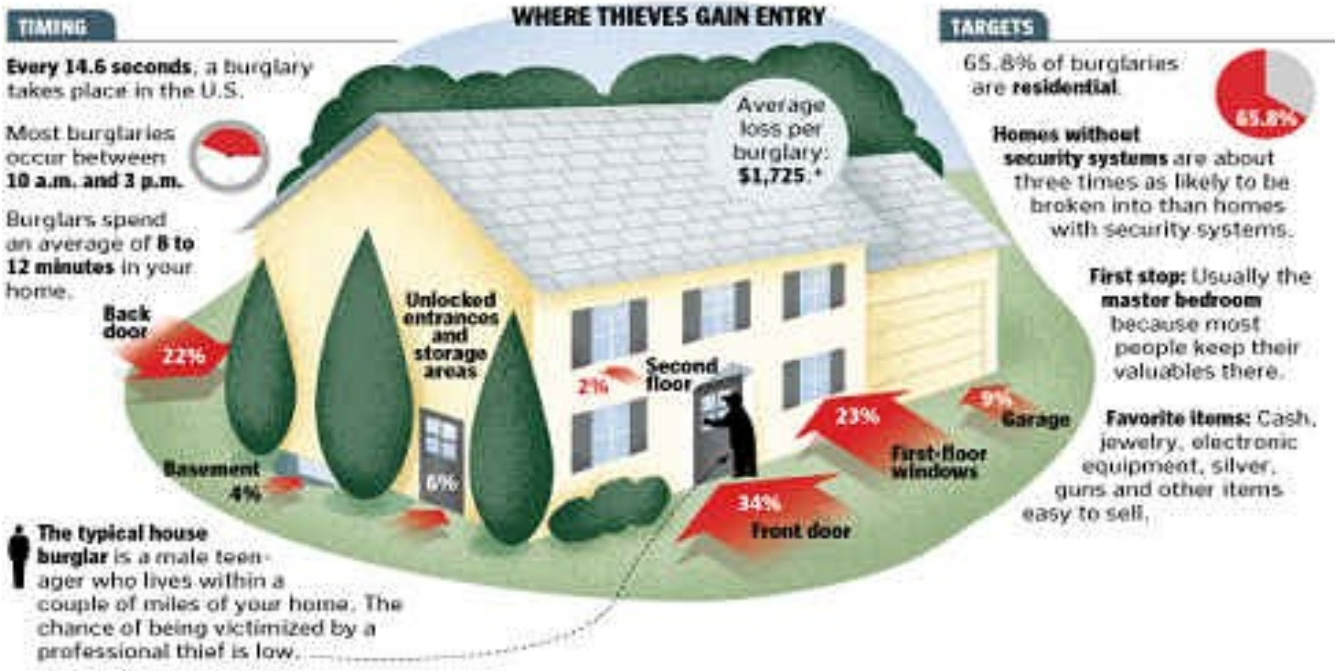
Do you hide your valuables in one of these popular hiding places?

Dresser drawer **Bedroom Closet** **Freezer**

Guess what: Those are some of the first places a crook will look.



Burglars search for homes that appear to be unoccupied. A car in the driveway, motion-sensitive exterior lights, interior lights, and radios and TVs on timers all give the impression that someone is in the home. Stop newspaper and mail delivery, and have neighbors watch your home.

PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

Burglars want to spend no more than 60 seconds breaking into a home. Measures that raise this time — deadbolt locks, bars on windows, and pins in sash windows — might change a burglar's mind.

Don't give burglars any help. Clear shrubs and trees around your home. Don't give burglars a place to hide. Secure tool sheds and ladders. Some thieves will steal tools from around your property and use them to break windows and doors.

'Theft is a cowardly act; as a victim it can leave you distraught. The thought of someone going through your personal belongings, being in your personal home - it's a violation.'

Your Security Strategy Must Be Able to Withstand an All-Out Assault.

The best lock in the world will do you no good if the doorframe can be easily kicked out. It is easier and faster to smash a padlock with sledgehammer (and in doing so causing damage) than to pick the lock.

Criminals often cause destruction to gain entry, look around to see if you can easily gain entrance by breaking things. The next issue is you need to understand: criminals are professionals. This is how they make their living. Being a professional means you know how to do particular skills better than the average person and have a certain way of thinking. Many criminals are good at what they do. Even the most bungling thief is better at illegal activity than the average citizen.

Criminals have skills and knowledge that most people don't know; like what it takes to break into homes, businesses and cars. What would stop you might not even slow them down. In many cases, he can get in to a weakly protected area faster than you can. You see a lock; he sees something he can pop off with a screwdriver faster than you can unlock it.

You must tailor any theft protection system to offset his skills. You're trying to stop a professional, not yourself. This is why knowing the mind of a burglar and how they operate is key.

The average burglary is over in less than 12 minutes.

The Thefts Enemy

Time and attention are the enemies of thieves. Anything that slows them down or attracts unwanted attention can counter the way criminals operate.
Burglars rely on people either not noticing them or thinking they are something else (like a delivery person or someone just out walking).
They often equip themselves with concealed tools (or use a plain delivery van and dressed like blue collar workers).
Using this cover they can position themselves to commit a crime.

They Look For Easy Ways In.

Once they are in the right place, they can gain entry in a matter of seconds. (Your neighbor looks out sees a repairman outside your house and then, when he or she looks again, doesn't see him anymore. Nothing odd about that, right?).
Once inside the criminal will quickly commit the crime and then leave the area. All in less time than a short delivery or pick up.

> Many people forget simple safety measures - at least 25 per cent of people routinely forget to lock their back doors, according to a well-known security company.

Burglars tend to try to minimize attention-attracting behaviors before breaking in. (A repairman" doesn't climb through a window). Unless you know they leave little signs and signals -- it often looks innocent.
Gaining entrance through an open window is fast and quiet almost as fast as finding an unlocked one. As a result, they will often walk around the house and look for an open window, quickly testing windows with a slight push.
If your neighbor doesn't know what testing windows looks like, even if he or she sees the criminal, this behavior is less noticeable than staying in one place and trying to jimmy through a locked window, an obvious sign of breaking in.

Furthermore the next step might be if they can't find an open or unlocked window, the fastest means to enter is to smash a window (or kick in a door). One loud noise, reach in, undo the lock, slide open the window and he's in.
If, hearing a noise, a neighbor walks over and looks out they window, cannot see them inside the building. As long as the burglar gets through the window, the most to be seen is an open window. In under 10 seconds from making a loud noise, he's out of sight from people who will call the police. This is a successful break-in.

This same idea also applies to kicking a back or side door in or breaking out a window in a decorative door. After breaking through a door, experienced criminals will close it behind them.

Delay, Deter, Discourage

A window that has multiple locks that cannot be opened all at once or has shatterproof glass is unexpected and unwanted surprise and delay. A door that has hidden security measures and a motion detection light above it will not be easily forced. The combination of unexpected resistance, increased noise, delay and lights will greatly increase the risk of his being seen without his disguise of innocence. And they know it. Remember criminals function based on calculated risks. Interjecting these unexpected problems often result in his aborting the robbery.
Your security systems must meet two basic criteria: delay and alert. By alert we don't just mean authorities, we also mean that it warns you when you are home or not at home if someone is trying to break in. Remember, home security is also for your protection, as well.

“Looking For The Goods."

Thieves will seldom face risk if they don't think they will benefit. They prefer to go in knowing there are valuables there. So another level of your defenses needs to be keeping things out of view that might attract thieves. It’s not uncommon for thieves to peer through the kitchen window and read Post-It notes on the fridge or the family calendar, which can give clues about when the house will be empty. Don't leave your valuables (stereo, computer, jewelry, etc.) where they can be seen from a window. Keep valuables out of sight from ground floor windows (or at least close the drapes). You're less likely to attract thieves, who, while testing the windows, will also be looking in them.

Understanding the Nature of A Burglar

Even though you can do all you can it is necessary to understand that there is no such thing as a burglarproof home that cannot be broken into. There is no security system that cannot be violated. If someone is committed enough, experienced enough and has the proper tools, they will get in, no matter what actions you take.

The common criminal doesn't care how much damage they cause to get what they want. They will plainly cause thousands of dollars in damages to get something that will only get them a few dollars. For example a thief will destroy your dashboard to get to your car stereo, which will only get him a few dollars at a pawnshop or sell it on the street. They don't care about you or the distress they cause by both destroying and stealing your property. Which can cost you hundreds of dollars. All they care about is getting what they want, and they will do major damage to get it.

Types of Burglars

There are four basic types of burglars: Opportunist, Smashers, Intruders and Experts

Opportunist

Here is a criminal just walking along, and he sees that your door was left open. Although less common with burglary than other kinds of crime, it still happens. There are times that petty criminals take jobs that have them going from door to door and delivering junk mail, selling things, etc., etc. The door just swings open before them. Or they could just be walking down the hallway of the apartment complex ... and you didn't quite close the door because you were on the way to the laundry room and had your hands full. "Open door equals opportunity". He'll dash in, grab something and run.

Most people are more cautious about closing the doors to their homes but a very common opportunity is when a burglar sees your garage door open. The thief sees something he wants and grabs it. If you have "just run to the store" and left the garage door open, you have just invited in an opportunity burglar. Items left on your front porch or in your yard also are the target of such thieves. And kids often leave things like bikes, your binoculars or electronics out in the yard.

Items left on the car seat and the door unlocked also encourages a common type of opportunity theft. Often youngsters, whether individually or in a pack, will travel between cars in a parking lot car and check the door handles. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon among such groups to destroy the inside of your car if they cannot find anything worth stealing to express their displeasure.
Unless you know what to specifically look for, this behavior will just look like some kids passing through a parking lot.

When it comes to your home or garage being targeted, the same idea applies. Many opportunistic thieves are either a single or a pack of kids who are just roaming the neighborhood. They see the chance and they take it.

Opportunistic thieves use common areas where there is pass-through foot traffic (such as bus stops and train or subway stations). The closer you are to major streets, bus stops and schools, the more care you must take not to leave yourself open to opportunity thieves.

Simple habits about not leaving things out, closing and locking doors will prevent most opportunity thefts. Can discourage this kind of behavior.

Smashers

Smashers tend to be either young or scared or have a drug addiction, alcoholism, insanity or all of the above. Once inside a Smasher will often just find one or two items, grab them and scurry on their way.
They usually don't stick around and do a detailed job of going through your belongings. They are either nervous or on their way to getting high or drunk. That is why they dash.

This kind of criminal often reacts on the spur of the moment. He sees the opportunity and "goes for it." When it comes to burglary, however, it tends to be less opportunistic and somewhat more planned. Although planned, it isn't necessarily sophisticated. Such a burglar (depending on the neighborhood) will walk along, find a likely looking house, go around

the side or back and either kick in the door or smash a window. In other areas, he will climb fire escapes or prowl apartment complexes.

Smashers tend not to have many resources. Regularly they are homeless or young kids who live nearby. In many cases they will be not armed with tools they may carry screwdrivers for protection as well as break-in tools. The most common tool , may be just jacket wrapped around an arm or shoe to break a window.

These types of burglaries usually are through back or garage doors (especially attached garages). Mostly windows are used to gain access; it takes longer to get through a window than forcing a door. This is why doors are often chosen means of entry. This is especially true of back doors with windows in them. Busting out a panel of glass (less noise, less attention) they can reach through and unlock the door. And it is not uncommon for large objects, such as flowerpots or lawn furniture, to be thrown throw glass doors.

Intruders

Intruders are more professional. It makes them a little more dangerous. While they may still use smashing tactics to gain entrance, they are not about to hurry. They typically are going to look around and pick and choose what they are going to take. More importantly, they know what they can get the most for and that is what they will go for. Unlike other burglar types Intruders usually have widespread criminal associations to channel stolen possessions for the most money.
Intruders tend to be a little slyer about the ways they gain entry. The advances ones often take measures to disguise their actions by pretending to be delivery or repair people. Intruders often carry tools. They prefer not to make noise by kicking a door in ,they rather use pry a bar to gain faster entry and with as little noise as possible.
They may even take time out to just slide an unlocked window open or come in through an unlocked door.

This type of criminal knows the common behavior of hiding valuables in the freezer, underwear drawers or under mattresses. Many times they will go to certain rooms methodically while mostly ignoring others. Methodically can mean that they literally "go through" everything in the place, taking out drawers, and dumping contents on the floor, throwing the contents of upper shelves in closets across the room and tossing items around. They will turn upside down your house to get what they want, some even will purposely vandalize. The devastation they cause is often more shocking than the actual theft itself.

Furthermore many know how long they can spend in a home. That means they are in and out of your house in less than 10-12 minutes -- still under the time the police or most security companies can respond. This must for speed is often the cause for the quantity of damage the criminals do in raiding your home. Often they will use things in your home to fill with your things, pillow cases suitcases garbage bags etc. Keep in mind, they know where people typically hide things and what it is they are looking for. Instead of going through your jewelry box piece by piece, they will just dump it into a suitcase.

Often Intruders might work in teams. One does the break in and looting, stacks items by the door. Possibly two or three, others are in a car in the neighborhood. When the house is picked clean, the car pulls up, they quickly load the vehicle and drive away. Another way to keep from getting caught is one burglar breaks in, phones his partner on the cell, then opens the garage door, his partner pulls in and they close the garage door again. Thereby hiding the car or van while they load up. Perhaps the worst version is if you have a vehicle in your garage and a set of spare keys on a key hook. They drive away with all your stuff in your own vehicle.

Unfortunately, Intruders may also steal your identity: With one sweep all your credit card information, passports, bank statements, car title, spare keys and even the deed to your home goes into a pillowcase. The amount of money they can make by selling your information or using it themselves, far outstrips the amount they can make from a TV. Laptops, cell phones, personal electronics and software are just as Choice targets as jewelry for these kinds of burglars. This is why it is important to back up everything on your computer and videotape the contents of your home and also mark it.

In 13% of residential break-ins, a burglar encounters someone at home. One-third of those encounters leads to assault and one in ten leads to rape (Bureau of Justice Statistics).

Intruders can be more dangerous because they are less afraid. It takes a lot of nerve to calmly invade and stay in someone's home until it is picked clean. Because they are not afraid, they can also become far more aggressive if surprised. This is why if you find you have been burglarized , go back outside, call the police and DO NOT re-enter your home without them.

In some cases, Intruders are on their way to adapting to more severe crimes like rape and murder. There are Intruders who will break into your home when you are there. An "Intruder" who insists on breaking into occupied houses is in essence looking for an excuse to become physically violent.

Experts

Experts are often part of a ring who is looking for something specific. Often part of nationwide rings are, where're items stolen in one state are shipped and sold in others. These people are not your casual burglars. They know what they want, where it is and they come for it, they might use intruder procedures to get in; but don't need to destroy your house to get what they want.

Such criminals often have informants in insurance agencies so they know the value of insured items and the nature of security systems protecting them. This is why you should always take extra measures that you don't tell the insurance company to protect your possessions. Take the name of anyone who calls you from the insurance company asking if you have updated your security measures, do this before refusing to answer. Then call back and ask if the company authorized such an inquiry.

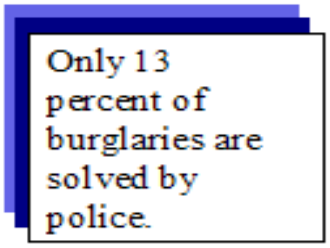
"The Safer The Den, The Deeper The Sleep."

Knowing how a burglar think and what they look for can help you become more prepared to keep you and your family safe.

Commonly Stolen Items During Burglary:

Bicycles
Cameras
Drugs
Gold
Audio/Video Tapes and CDs
Personal Computers, including Laptops
Tools
Toys
Guns

You work hard for the things that you have in your home and the life style you choose for you and your family.
Why would you allow someone who does not care who they hurt or who life that they interrupt with their actions. You are the first line of defense when it come to burglary, once the police get there it is usually too late.



The average value stolen from homes was US$1,517.

What Do Burglars Have to Say for Themselves?

Surveys were sent to 248 convicted burglars. 45 completed questionnaires came back. Here's what the burglars had to say about their own work:

Most of the respondents had burglarized a dozen or more homes. 27% of them had to break into more than 40 homes before being convicted and incarcerated in the prison system.

The majority of burglars, 51%, like to work from Midnight to 6 in the morning.

Burglars do not like to risk breaking into occupied homes. 69% say they are attracted to a building if it looks like nobody is there. 33% say they picked targets because somebody told them the home would be empty.

Locking your house does not work, according to our respondents. 84% said they break into locked houses.

Only 13% said "lots of locks" would prevent them from entering a home. Most enter through the front door.

Burglars said they don't like dogs. 44% said a barking dog would prevent them from breaking into a house or business.
Another 56% suggested homeowners get a dog in order to prevent break-ins.
The only deterrent that rated higher was "having people around."

Even though police consider burglary a passive, non-violent crime, 44% of our respondents told us they carry weapons while out on the job.
80% of these weapons are guns.

Why do these men and women commit this crime? 49% said the #1 reason they burglarize is to get money for drugs.

What Do You Think you Know About A Burglar?

How much do you know about the way burglars think?
How would you profile a "typical burglar" type?
Do security systems prevent home theft?
Finally, is your super secret hiding spot, really going to fool anyone?

Find the answer to these questions and much more when you take the following quiz about home burglaries.

Questions:

1. The typical burglar is:

a) Professional male thief in his 30s to 40s
b) Inexperienced teenage male
c) Professional thieves working as a couple

2. The average thief never works close to home.

a) True
b) False

3. In the U.S., a burglary takes place:

a) Every hour
b) Every 85 seconds
c) Every 14.6 seconds

4. Home invasions on average occur between:

a) 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.
b) 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
c) 12 a.m. and 2 a.m.

5. How much time, on average, do burglars remain in a home during a break in?

a) 8 to 12 minutes
b) 3 to 5 minutes
c) 15 to 20 minutes

6. How do thieves most often gain access to a home?

a) Basement
b) First-floor windows
c) Garage
d) Front door
e) Back door
f) Second floor

7. Most robberies occur in businesses rather than homes.
a) True
b) False

8. Homes with security systems have less chance of being robbed than those without.
a) True
b) False

9. Once in the house, where do burglars usually go first?

a) Master Bedroom
b) Family Room
c) Living Room

10. Deter burglars by planting shrubs and trees close to the house.

a) True
b) False

Answers:

1. b - Most homes are not robbed by professional thieves, but inexperienced male teenagers.
2. False - The average thief lives only a mile or two from the homes he burglarizes.

3. c - In the U.S. a burglary occurs once every 14.6 seconds.

4. a - Most home robberies occur during the day when home owners are at work.

5. a - The average burglars spends about 8 to 12 minutes rooting through your things.

6. d - 34% of the time thieves walk right in the front door.
The next most popular points of entry include:
First-floor windows - 23%;
Back door - 22%;
Garage - 9%;
Unlocked entrances & storage areas - 6%;
Basement - 4%;
Second floor - 2%

7. False - 65% of burglaries occur in residential neighborhoods.

8. True - Not having a security system triples your chances of being robbed.

9. a - First stop - the master bedroom - where all the valuables are usually kept.

10. False - Trees and shrubs planted near the house will only give them additional places to hide. Large vegetation of this sort should actually be cleared away, along
with ladders or tools that may be used to break windows or gain entry into your home.

This checklist has been developed as a guide for assessing your house resistance to a possible Home Invasion. Answering “No” to a question indicates areas where you could take action to improve the security of your house.

Address

It is important that your address visible from the street to assist emergency services locate your home.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Is your Address clearly visible from the street?					
Is Your Address Visible at Night?					

Fences and gates

Fences can be used to limit access into your property. Front fences should be open-style to increase visibility into your yard, this will help to identify intruders to your property.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Does the fence around your house allow for natural surveillance from the road and/ or footpath so people trespassing can be seen?					
Is your fence in good condition?					
Can the gate(s) be secured?					

Landscaping

Trees and other landscaping should be maintained to increase visibility into your yard and reduce hiding places. Tree branches should be trimmed to prevent intruders accessing second story windows, balconies or skylights.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Are shrubs and bushes trimmed so they don't block visibility into your house?					
Are trees maintained so they can't be used as natural ladders to upper story levels?					
Could an intruder find a place to hide in your front yard?					

Lighting

Sensor lighting should be installed around the perimeter of your home, particularly over entry/exit points to increase visibility at night. Consider using light timers to turn lights on/off when you're not at home inside and out.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Do you have sensor lighting installed?					
Does the sensor lighting work?					
Are entry/exit points to your home adequately lit?					
Do you have light timers? Inside and outside your home?					

Mailbox and Power box

your mailbox should be fitted with a suitable lock to limit access to your mail. The power box should also be housed within an appropriate lockable cabinet to restrict tampering with your power supply.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Does your mailbox have a secure lock?					
Do you keep your letterbox securely locked?					
Is your power box enclosed within a lockable cabinet?					

Doors

External doors and frames should be of a solid construction, and fitted with quality deadlocks. Fire regulations must also be met to enable occupants to escape during emergencies such as fires. Install a peephole to help you identify people at the door before opening it. Also, consider installing patio bolts on sliding doors for added security of your home.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Are all external doors and frames of a solid construction?					
Are all doors fitted with quality locks that are in good working order?					
Are all doors locked and keys removed from locks when no one is home?					
Does your front door have a peephole installed at a suitable height?					
Does your house have security screen doors?					
Is access to underneath/ or basement house restricted?					

Windows

External windows and frames should be of a solid construction. All windows should be fitted with quality key-operated locks and locked when not in use. Existing glass can be laminated or reinforced internally with a shatter-resistant adhesive film to restrict access.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Are windows of a solid construction?					
Are windows fitted with quality locks?					
Are windows kept locked when no one is at home?					
Are windows reinforced with shatter-resistant adhesive film/laminated glass?					
Are skylights suitably secured?					

Garage and garden shed

the garage and garden shed door and windows should be securely locked to restrict access. The garden shed should be securely anchored to the ground to prevent lifting. Garden tools, equipment and ladders should be locked away when not in use, so they are not used to gain entry to your home.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Can your garage be securely locked?					
Do you keep your garage locked?					
Do you keep your garden shed locked?					
Do you keep your vehicle locked when it's in the garage?					
Are ladders, wheelie bins, tools and valuable equipment locked away?					
If you Have a window in the garage do you keep shades or curtains closed					

Property identification /Inventory List

Record descriptions/model/serial numbers and photos of property for easy identification. Ensure these records are secured safely. Mark your property with a traceable number (e.g. your drivers license number) for identification. Your local Library, Police Station or Neighborhood Watch may have an engraver or ultra-violet pen you can arrange to borrow.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Do you have an up-to-date inventory of your home contents, including photos?					
Is the inventory and photographs stored securely?					
Are your household valuables engraved/ marked for identification?					

Safe, key and valuable controls

Consider installing a safe for added security for your valuables. The safe should be concealed, securely anchored to he foundations and kept locked when not in use. Keys (including vehicle keys) should not be left in locks or in plain sight, as thieves may use them to gain entry to your home and/or steal your vehicle. Spare keys should not be hidden outside the home. Limit the amount of cash kept at home, as this is often not covered by insurance. Also secure jewelry do not keep valuables in plain sight.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Do you have a safe that is securely anchored out of plain sight?					
Are your valuables (including your wallet and mobile phone) and jewelry secured and out of plain sight?					
If you keep cash at home, is it stored securely out of plain sight?					
Are keys (including spare keys and garage door remote controls) kept out of plain sight (e.g. not on a key hook hung on a wall					

Burglars favor warmweather, with the greatest number of instances in July and the fewest in February. Burglars don't want to catch people at home, committing 62 percent of their crimes between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Understand a bugler still do not take a day off because of bad weather.

Vacation or leaving home

When you go on vacation to get much needed rest the last thing should be on your is your home being invaded by an intruder. Take steps to keep your home safe and secure while you are away.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Do You forward your telephone calls when you are away from home. (Burglars sometimes check to see if someone is home by making a telephone call.)					
Do you Have a trusted neighbor pick up the mail and newspaper.					
Do You have a plan in place to have the grass mowed or snow shoveled.					
Do You ask a trusted neighbor to put garbage can on the street for you and maybe even use it (. *Burglars sometimes check for empty cans as a sign the family is away.)*					
Do you tell a trusted neighbor if you are going to be gone for a few days.					

Intruder alarm systems

Research has shown that monitored/back-to-base intruder alarm systems are more effective as they alert you or a security company of intrusions, resulting in a quicker response. The system should be designed to provide maximum coverage of the home and garage. Remember to regularly check the battery and test the system.

Question	Yes	No	Comment	Date to be Fixed	Completed
Does your house and garage have an intruder alarm system installed?					
Is the intruder alarm system monitored/back-to-base?					
Do you regularly test your alarm system and check the battery?					
Do you have an alarm system sticker displayed to deter possible intruders?					

Every 15 seconds in the United States a burglary occurs. Don't let it happen to you!

The purpose of this report is to not create fear but to create awareness; even if you decide not to install an alarm system there are still steps that you can take to keep you and your family safe, in addition while it's difficult to protect your home from professional thieves most home burglaries are done by amateurs. These thieves are more easily thwarted if you employ some of these simple security precautions:

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