



Home Security Checklist

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Items marked “no” indicate areas where you may be able to take action to improve the security of your home. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood of your home become targeted by criminals. Please contact our Crime Prevention Specialists with any questions or concerns you may have.

Exterior Doors

- yes/no All exterior doors are locked, day and night, and every time we leave the home (even if it is just for a few minutes).
- yes/no Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.
- yes/no Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone in the home can use.
- yes/no Any glass panels in or near the doors are reinforced in such a way that they cannot be shattered.
- yes/no All entryways have a working keyed entry lock and a sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the door frame.
- yes/no Spare keys are kept with a **trusted** neighbor or relative, not “hidden” outside of the home.

Garage and Sliding Door Security

- yes/no The door leading from the attached garage into the house is solid wood or metal clad, and protected with a deadbolt.
- yes/no The garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.
- yes/no Garage doors are all closed and locked when leaving the home.
- yes/no The sliding glass door has a working key lock.
- yes/no A dowel or a pin has been installed to secure the sliding glass door to help prevent it from being shoved aside or lifted off of its track.
- yes/no The sliding glass door is locked day and night, and every time we leave home.

Protecting Windows

- yes/no Every window in the home has a working lock or is securely pinned.
- yes/no Windows are always locked and not left open while unattended.

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Outdoor Security

- yes/no Shrubbery and bushes are trimmed; the lawn is well manicured.
- yes/no There are no dark areas around the home, garage, or yard at night.
- yes/no Every outside door has a working bright light to illuminate visitors.
- yes/no Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.
- yes/no The house number is clearly displayed so emergency personnel can find the home quickly.

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property.

- yes/no Gate latches and shed doors are locked with heavy duty padlocks.
- yes/no Grills, lawn equipment, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed. If they must be left out in the open, they are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.
- yes/no Every bicycle left outside is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.
- yes/no Firearms are stored and locked in storage boxes, preferably a safe, and secured with trigger lock guards.
- yes/no A document with the serial numbers and photos of all electronics and other valuables is readily available. A copy has been left with a trusted neighbor or relative for safe keeping.

The Fayetteville Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit offers complimentary residential security surveys, which are available upon request. If you're interested, contact a Crime Prevention Specialist to schedule an appointment. Our Crime Prevention Specialists are trained professionals who will be able to identify the great aspects of your current set-up, and provide insight in to what you may be able to improve.

Contact Us:

- Emergency: 911
- General Inquiries: (910) 433-1885
- Desk Report/TeleServe: (910) 433-1529
- Crimestoppers Tip Line: (910) 483-8477

