

# Home Security Checklist

This checklist can be used as a guide to gauge your home's security. Any boxes checked "no" are areas where action should be taken to improve the security of your home. This list is designed to be a brief do-it-yourself home security survey. For a complete look at your home's security, contact the Franklin Police Dept. at (414) 425-2522 and ask to speak with a Crime Prevention Officer to schedule a free Security Survey of your home.

## Exterior Doors

	Yes	No
All doors are locked at night and every time the house is left, even if it's just for a few minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors feature peepholes at heights everyone can use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are glass panels in or near the 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 sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the door's frame.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys kept with a relative or trusted neighbor, not 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 wood or metal clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overhead garage door is closed and secure when not in use, especially during night time hours.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sliding glass doors have strong, working key locks.	<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 door is locked every night and each time the house is left.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Protecting Windows

Yes No

- Every window in the house had a working lock.  Yes  No
- Windows are always locked at night and when the house is vacant.  Yes  No
- Windows are pinned, when left open a few inches for ventilation.  Yes  No

## Yard Security

- Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.  Yes  No
- There are no dark areas around the house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.  Yes  No
- Every outside door has a bright, working light to welcome visitors.  Yes  No
- Floodlights are used aimed properly to provide effective illumination.  Yes  No
- Outdoor lights are controlled by a photocell or motion sensor, to ensure lights are on whether someone is home or not.  Yes  No
- Address is clearly displayed on the house so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.  Yes  No

## Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

- Gate latches and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.  Yes  No
- Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are locked after every use.  Yes  No
- Grills, lawnmowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left outside, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.  Yes  No
- Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain, even if left alone for just a minute.  Yes  No
- Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.  Yes  No
- Valuable items such as television, stereos and computers have been inscribed with your driver's license number (not Social Security #).  Yes  No

Home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures/videotape.  
A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house (Safety Deposit  
Box)

Yes No

## **Security When Away From Home**

At least two light timers have been set to turn lights on and off in a  
logical sequence, when on vacation or away for an extended period.

The alarm system is activated whenever the home is vacant.

Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements  
made for a neighbor/relative to pick them up, when away on vacation.

A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch the home while  
on vacation.

A vacation report was filed with the Franklin Police Dept., listing  
key holders and emergency contact information. (Forms are available  
at the Franklin Police Department.)