

Burglary Prevention Checklist For Homes and Apartments

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Here's A Helpful Checklist To Curb The Chances Of Burglary To Your Home...

I designed this report specifically to be used by my friends and clients to help make your home and family more secure from burglary.

Thankfully, the alarming increase in crime in America in recent years has seen a slight decline. Much of the credit for this positive trend is given to an effective idea which is available to citizens nationwide: The National Neighborhood Watch Program.

Since the establishment of the National Neighborhood Watch Program, overall burglaries have dropped over seven percent nationwide – an encouraging trend. However, with over three million burglaries still occurring every year in our country, it's important to remain vigilant with your home and family's protection.

Inside this short report you will find a checklist of 35 security items to help you make a "security survey" of your 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. Your security checklist should begin at your front door, and include a thorough inspection of all your doors and windows, locks, lights, and landscaping.

When using the checklist, a check mark in the second ("no") column indicates a security weakness or hazard that requires your attention. If you would like professional assistance and advice in a thorough home security inspection, feel free to contact your local law enforcement agency.

And if you ever have questions about this survey, or would like help with resources for making your home more secure, please feel free to contact me at (775) 826-9696. Thanks again for your call. I'm honored to be of assistance with all your home ownership needs.

Sincerely yours,

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Door Survey:

1. Are all outside doors made of metal or solid core wood? Yes ____ No ____
2. Are door frames strong 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 (min. 1-in throw bolt)? 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 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 bulb? 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 ____

Entrance From Garage And/Or Basement

14. Are all entrances to the living quarters from a garage or basement of metal or solid wood core 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 the 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 structures 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 inside the home or other locked structure where they are not accessible to burglars? 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 visible 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 _____

And As a BONUS Question: Did you know that...

Using A REALTOR[®] To Market Your Home Can Significantly Reduce Your Chances Of Burglary...

Many homeowners have to “go it alone” when selling their home – exposing themselves to serious risk of burglary. When you list your home using my services, special measures are taken to ensure you and your family are safe from potential crime as a result of showing your home to the general public. Some of these measures include...

- ◆ I place the keys to your home on a secure key safe so that only licensed and registered REALTORS may access them...
- ◆ Each key safe has special electronic tracking that identifies exactly whom has accessed the keys to your home, plus the day and time they were on your property...
- ◆ Every showing of your home must be registered and accompanied by another REALTOR...
- ◆ Your home will also have special sign-in sheets for agents and home buyers to register themselves...
- ◆ All marketing, such as open houses, are conducted with mandatory sign-in sheets of those visiting your home...
- ◆ All visitors to your home are personally followed-up by my or my staff to determine their validity and interest level in your home...
- ◆ Any suspicious activity at any time is reported to local law enforcement.

But keeping you and your family safe and secure is just the beginning...

My clients consistently report that my services are significantly different than what they find from other real estate agents. Perhaps that's because I've created specific home selling programs designed to sell your home for top dollar in the least amount of time possible – and with the least hassle and exposure to you.

If you're considering selling in the next six months, or know of a neighbor, family member or friend thinking about selling, I'd like to offer a very special and unique service to help in the process. I call it my “*Maximum Home Value Audit*.” In just about 40 minutes (and with no obligation, no pressure, and no “selling” whatsoever), I will...

- ◆ Present to you a complete analysis of the home values in your area (the total market), PLUS, a thorough understanding of the specific market value of your home – based on computer generated facts and personal research, not conjecture (even if you just want to know how much equity you've built in your home, please call for this free analysis)...
- ◆ I'll tour your home to identify items that could negatively affect your selling price. Many of my findings could bring as much as \$2 in extra sales price for every \$1 you invest. I'll even share with you my special report titled, “*Home Seller's Guide To Money-Making Fix-Ups*” absolutely FREE...
- ◆ Reveal to you my exclusive *24 Step Home Marketing Plan*, a step-by-step marketing plan designed to sell your home for every penny it's worth, in YOUR time frame, and with the least pressure and hassles!
- ◆ A RESULTS Guarantee of my services...
- ◆ **SPECIAL BONUS:** There's no obligation whatsoever, but if we end up working together, I'll provide a **FREE HOME WARRANTY**, a \$350 value. You'll feel confident your home's in ready-to-sell condition without any “surprises” lurking to turn-off buyers or harm a sale!

As you can imagine, because of my unique services, demand for my time is very high. Since I want to meet you personally and spend as much time as you need understanding this unique home selling process, I ask that you call me immediately to schedule your Home Audit. Remember, there's no obligation and no pressure whatsoever. Just friendly, fact-filled advice. Simply give me a call right now at (775) 826-9696 to schedule your Free audit. I look forward to meeting you soon!