



# Home Security Checklist

This checklist is a tool for you to take a look at your own home security and evaluate where you may need to make improvements. The Seattle Police Department Crime Prevention Coordinator for your area can assist you in conducting a more in-depth evaluation.

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all exterior door frames anchored to the home's main construction?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all exterior doors secured with a deadbolt lock that has a minimum one-inch throw?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all exterior door strike plates secured to the door frame with 3"-4" screws?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do all exterior doors fit snugly against the frame and are all frames free of warping, cracks and other signs of wear and tear?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is there a wide-angle (180 degree) viewer/peephole on the main entrance door?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If you do not have a viewer or peephole, can you see who is on the other side of your main entrance without having to open the door?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are all sliding doors and windows secure against forcing the locks or from being lifted completely out of the frame?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are high-risk windows (basement, ground level, partially/totally secluded) secured enough to deter or impede possible intruders?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are double-hung windows secured with sash pins or extra locks to discourage prying?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do all windows have adequate locks that are in good operating condition?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you ensure windows are closed and locked prior to leaving the home?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are trees and shrubs trimmed to allow for visibility along the perimeter of the home, particularly around the entries?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are entrances to the home well lit in the evening hours? Are the walking paths and driveways to your home also well lit?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have a photocell-activated light for your main entrance? Do you have motion sensor lights for side and rear areas of the home?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Is your address posted on your home? Is it clearly visible from the street both during daylight hours and at night?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In the event of an extended absence, do you use timers on interior lights to give the appearance of the home being actively occupied?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	In the event of an extended absence, do you use have mail and newspaper deliver stopped?

Do you have an active block watch? If so, when was the last time you got together as a block?

If you answered No to any of these questions, you have a potential security challenge. For assistance with your Home Security Evaluation, Please contact the Seattle Police Department Crime Prevention Coordinator for your area:

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