

Home Security Checklist

The information below is designed to ensure there are no areas of your home which are left unsecure. There can be no guarantee that the measures listed will stop crime.

| Question | Tick | Tip |
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| Quick Check | | |
| Do you keep all keys out of sight of doors, windows and letterboxes? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Remember, thieves can hook keys through your letterbox. |
| Do you keep all valuables out of sight? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Blinds or net curtains can be used to limit views. |
| Do you have any valuables stored in sheds or garages? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sheds and garages are not designed for secure storage. |
| Do you check your smoke alarms weekly? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Try to remember to regularly test your alarm. |
| External Security | | |
| Are side and rear entrances protected with gates and fences? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good perimeter security can deter thieves. |
| Are gardens well maintained? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Intruders often target homes that look uncared for or empty. |
| Are garages and sheds secure? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use strong locks and alarms. |
| Is there good visibility to the front of your home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | If fences or shrubs hide intruders they can work discretely. Keep these low or use see through bars. |
| Is there security lighting to external doors and vulnerable areas? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Good motion sensor or dusk till dawn external lighting can deter burglars. |
| Front & Rear Doors | | |
| Is your door solid and in good condition? | <input type="checkbox"/> | The door should be solid, strong and free from cracks. |
| Is the door frame in good condition? | <input type="checkbox"/> | The frame should be as strong as the door. |
| Can you see who is at the door before you unlock the door? | <input type="checkbox"/> | If you cannot see who is at the door, install a door viewer or intercom to ID a visitor before you allow entry to your home. |
| Do you have a door chain or restrictor? | <input type="checkbox"/> | This allows you to partially open a door and talk to a visitor. "If in doubt, keep them out." |
| Does your door have a 5 lever mortice lock and nightlatch? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Look for British Standard 5 lever mortice locks. |
| Is your letterbox 16" away from door locks? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Letterboxes can be used to gain entry to your home. |
| Are your patio doors fitted with an additional patio lock? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use additional locks to avoid doors being lifted from rails. |
| Do you keep your doors locked even when your home is occupied? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Distraction or sneak-in burglaries often take place when the owner is at home. |
| Windows | | |
| Do you have locks with removable keys on all of your windows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Even smashed windows cannot be opened if they are locked and the key is removed. |

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| Do you use window alarms on vulnerable windows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Window alarms will activate if someone tries to tamper with a window. |
| Alarms | | |
| Does your home have a burglar alarm? | <input type="checkbox"/> | An alarm is a powerful deterrent to burglars. Always set your alarm before you leave the house or go to bed. |
| Does your home have smoke alarms? | <input type="checkbox"/> | For a free fire safety check contact your local fire station |
| Property Marking | | |
| Are your personal belongings property marked? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Use UV pens to mark all valuables with your details. The Police will always check for UV markings if an item is stolen and recovered. |
| Have you got a record of all your marked items? | <input type="checkbox"/> | This will help return your belongings if they are stolen and recovered. |

Home Security Advice

Most burglaries are committed by an opportunist. This is someone who takes advantage of an opportunity to commit a crime with little or no pre-planning.

Criminals often choose a home where they can approach and escape unnoticed. They also look for property that looks unoccupied and has poor security.

A burglar is more likely to target a home that they can enter quickly with little risk of being noticed. Up to half of burglars gain entry without force - through an open door or window.

Simply fitting strong locks to your doors and windows, and always keeping them locked, will significantly reduce your risk of being burgled.

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