

# HOME SECURITY

# Audit Guide

Reduce your chances of being burglarized  
with our Home Security Audit



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In this guide, we've compiled a list of areas thieves commonly check for weaknesses. You can reduce the chance of being burglarized simply by fortifying these areas. Inspect your home for each item listed below.

## Outside

- ☐ Trees and shrubs do not obscure doors and windows.
- ☐ All entrances are well lit at night.
- ☐ Outdoor lights are on at night – whether continually or motion activated.
- ☐ There are no dark areas around perimeter of the house where prowlers could hide.
- ☐ Street numbers are visible from the street.
- ☐ Spare keys are not stored outside near a door, such as in a hide-a-key or planter.
- ☐ NWOSS yard signs and stickers are clearly visible.

## Exterior Doors

- ☐ All doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.
- ☐ All doors have deadbolt locks with at least a 1" throw.
- ☐ All door strike plates are secured with screws at least 2½" long.
- ☐ Door frames and molding around them are tight and secure.
- ☐ The front door has a peephole.
- ☐ Any glass panels in or near exterior doors are shatter-proof or reinforced with a grate/grille.



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## Sliding Glass Doors

- ☐ Sliding glass doors have a strong, working lock.
- ☐ The stationary glass door has been secured to prevent it from being lifted off its track.
- ☐ Sliding glass doors have an anti-slide device or foot lock.

## Windows

- ☐ All windows have opaque curtains or blinds to prevent thieves from 'window shopping.'
- ☐ All windows have a working lock.
- ☐ All windows have an anti-lift device, such as a pin-lock or screws in the track.
- ☐ Basement windows are secured with a second lock or grate/grille.

## Inside

- ☐ Valuable electronics are inscribed with an ID, such as your driver's license number.
- ☐ Valuables/documents are stored in a safe that has been secured to the floor or wall studs.

Consider making improvements for any items not checked. If you have any questions while completing this audit, our team of experts will be happy to assist you.



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