

San Leandro Police Department

HOME PROTECTION ✓ CHECKLIST ✓

Nothing can be more disturbing than to return to your home and find that someone has violated your personal space; burglarized your residence and removed countless items which, to you, are irreplaceable. It has been estimated that 1 out of every 12 households will be the victim of a burglary as more than 6.5 million occur each year. Crime prevention really means to act beforehand; to recognize that there is a responsibility to do your utmost to protect your family and property; and to take some positive steps toward that goal. There are some really basic steps that can be taken which will greatly reduce the potential for your residence being the next target of a burglar's attention.

Home Security Checklist

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked "no" indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home's security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted.

EXTERIOR DOORS

All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house — even if it's just for a few minutes.

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.

Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.

All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.

YES NO

Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.

YES NO

GARAGE & SLIDING DOOR SECURITY

The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.

The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.

Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.

A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.

The sliding glass door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.

YES NO

PROTECTING WINDOWS

Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.

Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.

YES NO



HOME PROTECTION CHECKLIST (continued)

OUTDOOR SECURITY

	YES	NO
Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard that would hide prowlers at night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor lights are on in the evening — whether someone is at home or not — or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OUTDOOR VALUABLES & PERSONAL PROPERTY

	YES	NO
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valuable items, such as television, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with identifying number.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Home Safety Inspections

Did you know that the San Leandro Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit does free home security inspections?

Let the Crime Prevention Unit make your home more secure. Call for an appointment — 577-3252.



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