Home Safety Checklist

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Most break-ins are crimes of opportunity. A burglar looks for the easy house: dark, quiet, unlocked, no sign anyone is home. This room-by-room checklist makes your home the hard target. Work through it once, then check it again every few months.

Front Door

- ■ Solid-core door or metal door, not hollow.
- ■ Deadbolt lock, with screws at least 3 inches long going into the frame.
- ■ Peephole or doorbell camera so you can see who is there before opening.
- ■ Door frame reinforced — a strike plate with long screws makes kick-ins much harder.
- ■ No spare key under the mat, in a fake rock, or over the door frame. Burglars check those first. Leave one with a trusted neighbor instead.
- ■ Porch light on a timer or motion sensor.

Back and Side Doors

- ■ Same deadbolt and strike-plate standard as the front door.
- ■ Sliding doors: a bar or dowel in the track so the door cannot be lifted or slid open.
- ■ Sliding door pins or locks that stop the door from being lifted out of its frame.
- ■ Pet doors locked at night, or too small for a person to fit through.

Windows

- ■ Locks on every window, and use them — even on the second floor.
- ■ Ground-floor windows: lockable, with no easy reach from a fence, tree, or air conditioner unit.
- ■ Window stops or pins so windows open only a few inches for air.
- ■ Basement windows locked and covered — small windows are a favorite entry point.
- ■ Trim bushes below windows so nobody can hide behind them.
- ■ Consider window film, which makes glass harder to break through quietly.

Lighting

- ■ Motion-sensor lights at every entrance and along dark paths.
- ■ Porch and driveway lights on timers when you are away.
- ■ No fully dark corners around the house. Light removes hiding places.
- ■ Indoor lights on a timer when you are out, so the house looks lived in.

- Replace burned-out bulbs the day you notice them.

Yard and Garage

- Garage door closed and locked, even when you are home. An open garage advertises what you own.
- Garage door opener code changed from the factory default.
- Ladders and tools locked away — do not leave a burglar his equipment.
- House number visible from the street so police and fire can find you fast.
- Fence and gate latched. A locked gate slows an intruder down.
- No mail or packages piling up. Ask a neighbor to collect them when you are away.

Inside the Home

- Personal alarm or whistle in the bedroom and near the front door.
- Flashlight in the bedroom, the kitchen, and the car — working, with fresh batteries.
- Phone charger by the bed, and your phone charged at night.
- Valuables out of sight from windows. Close blinds when you leave.
- Safe or locked drawer for documents, jewelry, and spare keys.
- A safe room plan: one room with a solid door and a lock, a charged phone, and a way to call for help. Everyone in the house should know the plan.

Alarms and Cameras

- Door and window sensors on ground-floor entry points.
- At least one camera covering the front door and driveway.
- Alarm system armed every night and every time you leave — even for a quick trip.
- Alarm sign or sticker visible. Signs alone make many burglars move on.
- Test the alarm monthly. Change alarm codes when someone moves out or a code gets shared too widely.

When You Are Away

- Stop mail and newspaper delivery, or have a neighbor collect them.
- Put a light and a radio or TV on timers.
- Do not post vacation plans on social media until you are home.
- Ask a neighbor to park in your driveway or put out your trash bins.
- Lock the garage and all doors — including the door from the garage into the house.

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