

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S SOUTHWEST STATION

Crime Prevention Unit

Home Security Survey

No house is absolutely burglarproof when professional burglars target your home. But they would be the first to admit that you can discourage burglars if you beef up your home security. You can begin this process by identifying your weak areas and fixing them.

The checklist below will assist you in systematically surveying your home. Every "NO" check mark shows a weak point that may let a burglar into your home. Remember, this survey will only identify weak areas. You have not improved your home security until these are corrected. Complying with these suggestions will not, of course, make your home burglar proof, but it will certainly improve your protection.

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SAFE PRACTICES:

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| 1. Do you keep a list of all valuable property?
() () | 6. Do you keep excess cash and other valuables in a bank?
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| 2. Do you have a list of the serial numbers of your watches, cameras, typewriters, personal computers and similar items?
() () | 7. Do you plan so that you do not need to "hide" a key under the doormat or similar place?
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| 3. Do you have a description of other valuable property that does not have a number?
() () | 8. Have you told your family what to do if they discover a burglar breaking in or already in the house?
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| 4. Have you taken photographs or videotaped your jewelry, antiques or collectibles?
() () | 9. Have you told your family to leave the house undisturbed and to call the police or sheriff if they discover a burglary has been committed?
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| 5. Do you avoid unnecessary display or publicity of your valuables?
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YES NO

Yes No

10. Are your trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?

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11. Do you have emergency phone numbers listed on your telephone?

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12. Are lights installed around the perimeter of your house?

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13. Is your house number illuminated and easily visible from the street during all hours of the day/night?

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14. Have you made it more difficult for the burglar by locking up your ladder or relocating trellises, drain pipes, trash bins or any other type of objects that a burglar can use to gain access to the second floor or roof?

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WHEN YOU GO ON A TRIP:

15. Do you arrange for neighbors or friends to pick up newspapers, mail, packages and other deliveries?

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16. Do you notify a neighbor?

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17. Do you notify your police regarding extra patrol while on vacation?

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18. Do you arrange to keep your lawn maintained?

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19. Do you use timing devices to turn your lamps on and off?

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DOORS AND ENTRY AREAS:

20. Are your exterior doors of solid core construction?

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21. Do entry doors have a 90-degree wide angle viewer?

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22. Do exterior doors have cylinder-type deadbolt locks with at least a one-inch throw and beveled cylinder guard?

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23. Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or some similar secure device that can be operated only from the inside?

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24. Can all of your doors (basement, porch, french, balcony) be securely locked?

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25. Do your basement doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of your house?

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26. Are all your locks in good repair?

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27. Are the door strike plates (the jamb fastening that receives the bolt in the locking position) installed with three-inch screws?

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Yes No

Yes No

28. Do you know everyone who has a key to your house? (Or are keys still in possession of previous owners or friends?)

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29. Do all out swinging doors have a locking pin or non-removable pins?

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30. Are entry areas unobstructed by Shrubbery and other décor to permit maximum visibility?

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31. Do sliding doors have an auxiliary lock that locks both the door panels together or active side to the frame?

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33. Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp or other good auxiliary lock? And do you use it?

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34. Do you lock your garage door at night?

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35. Do you lock your garage door when you are away from home?

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36. Do you lock your garage door leading into the house?

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37. Do you lock your car and take the keys out even when it is parked in your garage?

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WINDOWS:

38. Are all windows equipped with auxiliary locks or pinned?

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39. Have you replaced or secured louvered windows?

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40. Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?

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41. Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?

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42. Do you have good, secure locks on garage windows?

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43. Do you have garage windows covered with curtains or blinds to prevent prowlers from looking in?

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44. Are you as careful of basement and second floor windows as you are of those on the first floor?

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If you would like professional advice and assistance in a thorough home security survey, call the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Crime Prevention Unit. To keep your guard up, take a critical look at your home security every three to four months. Do not become lax - crime prevention is a continuous process.

DISCLAIMER: There are no guarantees expressed or Implied with this Inspection that will make the named residence "burglar proof," or that the recommendations will prevent any type of crime against persons within said residence.