

Use this checklist to evaluate your home's security. Boxes marked "no" indicate areas where you should take action to **"harden the target"** and decrease your chances of a home burglary.

FRONT ENTRANCE	Yes	No	Comments
The front door has solid core construction			
The door has a peephole with a 190-degree view			
The deadbolt lock has a minimum 1-inch throw			
The strike plate is installed with a minimum of two 3-inch screws			
Glass or mail drop within 40 inches of the door – the door is equipped with a double-cylinder deadbolt (In case of an emergency, the key is always kept nearby.)			
The door lock is in good working order			
Driveway/pathway motion detector alert (should be used with a front screen or Dutch doors)			
Double Doors - have a bolt securing the top and bottom of the non-locking door			
The porch light automatically comes on from dusk to dawn			
The front of the home is equipped with a doorbell camera that allows communication through a smartphone			
SIDE/REAR ENTRANCES	Yes	No	Comments
 The following doors have double cylinder deadbolt locks French Doors with multiple window panes Doors with pet entrances 			
Doors with upper glass panels All strike plates are installed with a minimum of two 2 inch servers.			
All strike plates are installed with a minimum of two 3-inch screws			
All deadbolt locks have a minimum 1-inch throw			
Porch lights come on automatically from dusk to dawn			
All exterior door locks are in good working order			
All doors with exterior hinges are equipped with hinge protection			
French Doors - have a bolt securing the top and bottom of the non-locking door			
SLIDING PATIO DOORS	Yes	No	Comments
The sliding glass door does not lift out of the track			
The lock is in proper working order			
There is a secondary lock or wooden dowel used to secure the door			

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WINDOWS	Yes	No	Comments
Ground Floor			
Sliding Windows:			
 Are equipped with lift protection, which prevents the window from being lifted out of the track (see image above) 			
Are equipped with a wooden dowel or a secondary locking device			
Casement Windows - have double locks and are in good working order			
Double Hung Windows – have window pins or similar secondary locking devices (many new windows are difficult to secure with a secondary lock)			
Louver Windows – all glass panels have epoxy securing them to the frame			
All windows are free of exterior obstructions that block their view			
Second floor windows – should be secured in the same manner as above			
Windows cannot be easily accessed from a wall, roof, balcony, tree, or with the use of patio furniture			
Ladders are stored inside or locked to a stationary device			
GARAGES	Yes	No	Comments
Garage Overhead Door			
Garage door has an automatic garage door opener with a "remote lock" button, which is activated nightly and when on vacation			
Garage door has a vacation bolt or hole in the track for a padlock that is used when on vacation			
The garage door is kept closed and locked when not in use			
The door leading into the house is equipped with a single cylinder deadbolt lock			
All windows are secured with a secondary lock or wooden dowel			
If no automatic garage door opener, the door is secured with a padlock			
The utility box is secured with a padlock			
Garage Pedestrian Door			
The door is of solid core construction			
The door is equipped with a deadbolt lock (use a single cylinder deadbolt unless there is a window within 40 inches)			
Door is equipped with a window or peephole if a window is not nearby			

INTERIOR	Yes	No	Comments		
Timers or phone technology is used to turn interior lights on and off					
A TV simulator is used when no one is home at night or when on vacation					
All items of value have been inventoried, videoed, or photographed					
Valuables are kept secure in a safe or safety deposit box					
Valuables are not easily seen from outside the home					
The safe is bolted to concrete or encased within a cabinet					
The burglar alarm has a motion sensor in the master bedroom that captures movement from all doors/windows to the closet					
LANDSCAPING/LIGHTING	Yes	No	Comments		
Landscaping is maintained below windows and away from all entrances					
Landscaping is kept trimmed away from second story access points					
Landscape does not create hiding places during the day or dark corners at night					
Landscape lighting is used to keep the front and backyard well-lit					
Motion detector lights are used to light the sides of the home and the backyard					
Pea gravel is used along the side of the house, and under bedroom windows, to create noise when walked on					
POINTS TO REMEMBER					
Most burglars knock before they attempt to enter your home - ackred closed door or use a doorbell camera that allows you to communicate you are not at home.					
 Always lock all doors and windows any time you are away, even for This includes setting your burglar alarm. An alarm can be a power audible alarm, window and door sensors, monitoring and motion sensor in the master bedroom - often a burglar's first stop.) 	erful de n senso	terren rs. (Do	t and should include an on't forget to put a motion		
Alarm permits are required in Newport Beach (\$59 for a three-year)	•				
Never hide a key under your doormat; it is like a free pass to any wo key to a trusted friend or neighbor.	ould be	burgla	ar. Instead, give a spare		
✓ When you go on vacation, request a FREE Vacation Check from the Newport Beach Police Department by calling 949-644-3681. Also ask a trusted neighbor to watch your home.					
✓ If you arrive home and see a broken window or open door, do not enterounter an intruder, do not attempt to detain him/her, they may Your property is replaceable, you are not!	and	ned. a	b. (5)		
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