



Greensboro Police Department Home Security Checklist

This checklist is intended to help you evaluate your home's security posture, and reduce your chances of being burglarized. Thieves often look for homes that are easy to break into so they quickly take your valuables and leave without being detected. Follow the tips below to make sure you are doing all that you can to avoid being a victim.

Exterior Doors

All doors are locked at night and every time the house is unoccupied - even for a few minutes

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Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad

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Doors have wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use

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Glass panels in or near the doors are double-paned or reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered in order to gain entry into the home

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Doors with glass within 49 inches of them have a double cylinder deadbolt installed and key is kept in near the door in case of an emergency

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All entryways have working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into frame of the door and strike plate secured with 2-3 inch screws

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

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Hinged doors have pins on the inside for more security

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Garage and Sliding Door Security

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

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

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Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house or not in use

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The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock and anti-slide device installed or a foot lock

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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 tracks

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The sliding door is locked every night and each time the house is unoccupied

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Windows

Yes No

Every window in the house has a working lock

A wooden dowel is in the track of sliding windows to prevent them from being opened from the outside

Windows are always locked, even when open a few inches for ventilation

Expensive items are away from the windows, or hidden from view by curtains or blinds

Windows have an anti-lift device (screws in the track above slide to prevent lift out)

 Outdoor Security

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide. Tree branches trimmed to 7 feet and higher.

Hostile vegetation, like holly bushes, is around windows

There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers

Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors

Alarm company and/or "Beware of Dog" signs are displayed on the property

Flood lights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination

Outdoor lights are on in the evening- whether someone is home or not, or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed

 Security When Away From Home

At least two light timers have been set to turn lights on and off in a logical sequence

The motion detector or other alarm system has been activated

Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or you have made arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up

A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch the home

 Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are all locked with high-security laminated padlocks

Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are locked after every use

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

Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain

Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos, and computers are inscribed with an identifying number

The home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures: a complete copy is kept in a safe location