



HOME SECURITY INSPECTION CHECKLIST



An important step in preventing home burglary and other crimes is to make sure that a residence is as secure as possible. A careful inspection by someone trained to observe security precautions can indicate features which would make entry easy — or difficult — for a prospective burglar.

Checks in the red column indicate security weaknesses or hazards that require attention.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you in the community's fight against crime. We urge you not only to take steps to make your own residence safer, but also to become active in a Neighborhood Watch program for the benefit of your entire community.

****The Torrance Police Department cannot be held liable for any burglary to your home. These are simply suggestions - it is up to the homeowner to secure their home and belongings.****

NAME OF HOMEOWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DATE / TIME OF INSPECTION: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

FRONT ENTRANCE

	YES	NO	RECOMMENDATIONS
Are all exterior doors of metal or solid wood construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are all door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are exterior doors free of windows or other openings (mail slot, pet door) within 40 inches of the lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If there are no windows in door, is there a wide-angle viewer or voice intercom device?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are all screen or storm doors secured with adequate locks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Are all entrances well-lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can front entrance be observed from street or public areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are porch and landscaping free of concealment from street or public view?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is shrubbery trimmed for visibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are address numbers a minimum of 4 inches in height?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are address numbers clearly visible from the street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all door locks adequate and in good working order?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your mailbox securable with a locking mechanism, so that strangers cannot remove your mail?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SIDE OR REAR ENTRANCE

	YES	NO	RECOMMENDATIONS
Are all exterior doors of metal or solid wood construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is doorframe strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are exterior doors free of windows or other openings (mail slot, pet door) within 40 inches of the lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the exterior of the doorway well-lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are all doorways clear of obstruction from street or neighbors view (i.e. porch, fence, or landscaping)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does doorway have screen or storm door with adequate lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If door is sliding glass, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is a "charley-bar" or key-operated lock used on sliding glass door?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If your house has an alley, are address numbers posted facing the alley, at a minimum of 4 inches in height?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS**YES NO****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?

Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?

Are all windows clear of areas that offer special risk to burglary?

If so, do these windows have security screens or grills?

Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structure or landscaping?

Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?

Can your front windows be seen from the street?

 UPPER FLOOR WINDOWS**YES NO****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Are all upper floor windows far away from porch or garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings, to prevent access?

If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level?

Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?

Are all ladders stored securely, so they are not accessible?

 INSIDE THE HOUSE**YES NO****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Are timers used to simulate normal activities in the house?

Have you engraved or photographed your personal property for easy identification?

Is the circuit box locked or secured?

 GARAGE**YES NO****RECOMMENDATIONS**

Is the automobile-entrance door to the garage equipped with an adequate locking device?

Is garage door kept closed and locked at all times?

Are all garage windows secured adequately?

Is outside utility entrance to garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance?

Are all garage entrances well-lighted on the outside?

Are all entrances to living quarters from garage of metal or solid wood construction?

Does the door from the garage to inside the house have adequate locks?

HOME ALARM

YES

NO

RECOMMENDATIONS

Do you have an alarm system?

Are all doors and windows alarmed?

Is there a motion sensor inside the house?

Are alarm system warning signs and stickers displayed?
(Even if there is no alarm system)

Does the Police Department have current emergency contact information?

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS

NAME OF OFFICER(S): _____

SERIAL NO. _____