



# HOME SECURITY INSPECTION CHECKLIST



This Home Security Checklist is a tool that you can use to help protect your home from a break-in or other crime. We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this information and recommend that you use this Checklist when inspecting your home to determine what if anything you can do to make your home safer and more secure from crime.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Torrance Police Department's Community Affairs Division at (310) 618-6391, (310) 618-6392, or email us at [CommunityAffairs@TorranceCa.gov](mailto:CommunityAffairs@TorranceCa.gov). We also encourage you to get and stay involved with your Neighborhood Watch and we ask that "if you see something, say something."

FRONT ENTRANCE	YES	NO
Are doors of metal or solid wood construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are 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 the outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are doors free of windows, glass, or other openings (i.e.; mail slot or pet door) within 40 inches of the lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do doors have deadbolt locks with a minimum one-inch throw?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with three-inch screws?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are no windows or glass in the door, is there a wide-angle viewer or voice intercom device?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are entrances well-lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	YES	NO
Is porch and doorway visible from the street or neighbors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is shrubbery trimmed for visibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are address numbers a minimum of four inches in height?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are address numbers clearly visible from the street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are door locks adequate and in good working order?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is mailbox securable with a locking mechanism so that others cannot remove your mail?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SIDE OR REAR ENTRANCE</b>		
Are doors of metal or solid wood construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are 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 the outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are doors free of windows, glass, or other openings (i.e.; mail slot or pet door) within 40 inches of the lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do doors have deadbolt locks with a minimum one-inch throw?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with three-inch screws?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are entrances well-lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are doorways visible from the street or neighbors?	<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 the sliding glass door?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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If your house has an alley, are address numbers posted facing the alley, at a minimum of four inches in height?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS</b>		
Do windows have adequate locks in good operating condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do windows have security screens or grills?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are windows visible from the street or neighbors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed below / away from the windows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>UPPER FLOOR WINDOWS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do windows have adequate locks in good operating condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed below / away from the windows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are ladders stored securely so they are not used to access upper floor windows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>INSIDE THE HOUSE</b>		
Are timers used to simulate normal household activity when you are away?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are your valuables / electronic devices photographed and engraved for easy identification?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is circuit box locked or secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>GARAGE</b>		
Do doors have adequate locks in good operating condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Is garage door kept closed and locked at all times?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do windows have adequate locks in good operating condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is outside utility entrance as secure as other ground floor entrances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are entrances well-lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are entrances to living quarters from garage of metal or solid wood construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does door from garage to inside the house have adequate locks in good operating condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>HOME ALARM</b>		
Do you have an alarm system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are doors and windows alarmed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a motion sensor inside the house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are alarm system warning signs and stickers displayed (even if there is no alarm)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the Police Department have current emergency contact information?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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