



Home Security Checklist

This Home Security Checklist is intended as a guide for assessing your home’s security measures. Checking an item “No,” could indicate an area in need of attention.

This checklist is intended for use as an aid only and is not all-inclusive. Please contact Officer Alvin Hill at afhill@rci.rutgers.edu or (732) 932-1032 to schedule an apartment or house security survey.

Exterior Doors

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad and have working, keyed locks *and* deadbolts..... Yes No

Doors have peepholes at heights everyone can use..... Yes No

There are no glass panels in or near doors unless they are reinforced so that they cannot be shattered to unlock doors..... Yes No

Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not hidden under a doormat or planter..... Yes No

Doors leading from the garage or basement to the house are solid wood or metal-clad and have working keyed locks and deadbolts Yes No

Sliding glass doors have strong working keyed locks; dowels or pins have been installed to prevent the doors from being shoved aside or lifted off the track Yes No

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Windows

All windows in the house *including those in the basement and garage* have working keyed locks or are securely pinned..... Yes No

Windows can always be locked even when opened a few inches for ventilation..... Yes No

ALL WINDOWS SHOULD BE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES – NOT JUST WHEN YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE

Outdoor Security

- Trees and plants are trimmed so that there is no place for someone to hide..... Yes No
- There are no dark areas around the house, garage, or yard to hide prowlers..... Yes No
- Doors and windows are visible to neighbors or to the street Yes No
- Porch lights illuminate all entrances to the home and light bulbs are protected to prevent breakage or tampering..... Yes No
- Motion-sensor lights are in use outside..... Yes No
- The house number is clearly displayed so that police and emergency vehicles can find the house quickly Yes No
- Gates, garages, and shed doors are locked at all times Yes No
- Bicycles are secured with a U-bar lock to an immoveable object..... Yes No
- Cars are locked at all times Yes No