



Pop-A-Lock Home Security Inspection Checklist

The purpose of this home security inspection sheet is to identify features in your home which might make your home an easy target for a burglar. Each question on the checklist is answered with a response in the second column to indicate a security weakness or hazard which requires your attention.

A. Front Entrance

1. Is door itself of metal or solid wood construction?
2. Is door frame strong and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?
3. Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?
4. Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?
5. Are the locks adequate and in good repair?
6. Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?
7. If there are no windows in door, is there a wide angle viewer or voice intercommunications device?
8. Can the lock mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or pet entrance at doorway?
9. Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?
10. Is exterior or front entrance lighted with at least a 40 watt bulb?
11. Can front entrance be observed from street or public areas?
12. Does porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from street or public area?

Recommendations

- Replace door with solid wood or metal door
Install heavier duty strike, longer screws and Latch Guard
Use Peened Hinges
Use a double sided deadbolt
Install new locks – Ultimate Locks
Use longer screws, adjustments to correct problems
Install a door scope/peep hole
- Install double sided deadbolt
- Install heavy duty storm door with locks
Install sufficient bulb or refer to an electrician
Move obstructions that limit ability to see entry.
Refer to a landscaper to adjust area to enable visibility

B. Side or Rear Entrance

13. Is door itself of metal or solid wood construction?
14. Is door frame strong and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?
15. Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?
16. Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?
17. Are the door locks adequate and in good repair?
18. Are the strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed?
19. Can the lock mechanism be reached from outside through a delivery port or pet entrance?
20. Is the exterior of the doorway lighted by at least a 40 watt bulb?
21. Is doorway concealed from street or neighbors view by porch, fence or landscaping?
22. Does doorway have screen or storm door with lock?
23. If door is sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of track?

- Replace door with solid wood or metal
Install heavier duty strike, longer screws and Latch Guard
Use Peened Hinges
Use a double sided deadbolt
Install new locks - Ultimate Locks
Use longer screws, adjustments to correct problems
Use a double sided deadbolt
- Install proper bulb or refer to an electrician
Move obstructions to enable visibility
Install heavy duty storm door with locks
Tighten the door tracks

24. Is 'charley-bar' or key operated auxiliary lock used on sliding door?	Install charley bar/key lock and tighten hardware
C. <u>Entrances From Garage & Basement</u>	
25. Are all entrances to living quarters from garage and basement of metal or solid wood construction?	Refer to a local door company for door installation
26. Do doors from garage to living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrance?	Install locks on doorway
27. Does door from basement to living quarters have an adequate lock operated from living quarters side?	Install locks on doorway
D. <u>Ground Floor Windows</u>	
28. Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?	Install window locks
29. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from inside?	Refer to a local window company for screen replacement
30. Do any windows open onto areas that may be hazardous or offer special risk to burglary?	Remove hazards
31. Do windows that open to hazardous areas have security screens or grills?	Refer to contractor for installation
32. Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?	Refer to landscaper for clearing of obstructions
33. Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?	Install suitable bulb or refer to an electrician
E. <u>Upper Floor Windows</u>	
34. Do any upper floor windows open onto porch or garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings?	Ensure windows have adequate locks
35. If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level?	Add additional window locks as needed
36. Are trees and taller shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?	Refer to landscaper for adjustment
37. Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?	Use a chain/cable and locks to secure ladders in place
F. <u>Basement Doors & Windows</u>	
38. Is there a door from outside to the basement?	Reinforce the doorway with latch guards – Ultimate Locks
39. If so, is that door adequately secure for an exterior door?	Reinforce the doorway with latch guards – Ultimate Locks
40. Is outside basement entrance lighted by exterior light of at least 40 watts?	Install suitable bulb or refer to an electrician
41. Is outside basement door concealed from street or neighbors?	Remove obstructions
42. Are all basement windows adequately secured against entrance?	Install locks for basement windows
G. <u>Garage Doors & Windows</u>	
43. Is automobile entrance door to garage equipped with adequate locking device?	Refer to home improvement store for garage door close system
44. Is garage door kept closed and locked at all times?	Refer to home improvement store for garage door close system
45. Are garage door windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?	Install window locks
46. Is outside utility entrance to garage as secure as required for any ground floor?	Reinforce doorway/latch guard – Ultimate Locks
47. Are tools and ladders kept in garage?	Secure tools and ladders with locks
48. Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40 watt light?	Install proper bulb or refer to an electrician

The information provided here may not cover all security risks and concerns. This document is solely to provide some suggested matters to consider. Consult a security expert who can visually examine the security properly and make suggestions based on their findings

