Burglary Prevention Checklist



Print this checklist and use it to help prevent burglaries.

	Secure any sliding doors. Put a steel rod in the door channel. Install 2 or 3 screws in the
	overhead track to reduce the chance of the door being lifted out of the track.
	Look into installing a burglar alarm system. Some alarms even link to a law enforcement
	agency.
	Have a wide-angle door viewer (peephole) install in your front door so you can see who is at
	the door.
	Use an engraving pen to write your current driver's license number on your property. Burglars
	don't want marked merchandise.
	Keep bushes and trees near your house well trimmed. Thick, tall shrubbery provides cover for a
	burglar and lets him work undetected.
	Keep the area around your house well lit. This will discourage burglars.
	Organize a Neighborhood Watch program. Neighbors working together make one of the best
	crime-fighting teams around.
	Make sure that the locks on your doors and windows are strong and secure and then use them.
	Display "Beware" signs. If you have a dog or an alarm system, put up signs that say you do.
	They deter thieves.
	Make a home inventory list, complete with photos or video. Store this list away from your
	home.
	Never leave a house key in an obvious place such as a mailbox or under a doormat.
	Be careful with your keys. Put your house and car keys on separate key rings, and don't put
	identification tags on keys.
	Have a security plan for when you are on vacation. Ask a trusted neighbor to pick up mail, etc.
	Be wary of wrong numbers and teach children what to say to strangers on the phone.
	Know the steps to take if your home is robbed.