

Home Safety and Security Checklist

Secure Your Doors and Windows

- ☐ Deadbolts and strike plates
- ☐ Properly installed Security screen door
- ☐ Boost security with a [video doorbell](#).
- ☐ Add [window locks](#).
- ☐ Reinforce glass with [window security film](#).
- ☐ Install window or glass break sensors.

Light up the Landscape

- ☐ Use [motion-activated lights](#).
- ☐ Save energy with [solar-powered lights](#). Put
- ☐ outdoor lights on a timer (yards, porch, driveway).
- ☐ Check your landscaping for hiding spots. Clear
- ☐ away or prune large trees and shrubs. Keep entry
- ☐ points visible from the street.

Set up a Security System

- ☐ Get a feel for [your neighborhood](#).
- ☐ Get a [home safety evaluation](#) of your home.
- ☐ Check out your [home security options \(DIY systems\)](#).
- ☐ Choose a [home security system](#)
- ☐ Put a lock on your electric meter box.

When you go out of town

- ☐ Have a relative or neighbor check in
- ☐ Give someone a spare key
- ☐ Have a security camera app on your phone so you know if someone enters

Set up Indoor Security measures

- ☐ Minimize tripping hazards and throw rugs
- ☐ Have adequate lighting

Extra Home Security Considerations

- ☐ [DIY installation](#) vs. [professional installation](#)
- ☐ Customer service and brand reputation
- ☐ [Smart home capabilities](#)
- ☐ Up-front and monthly costs
- ☐ [Extra smoke and carbon monoxide monitoring](#)



Did you know?

Adding a security system can also increase your [home's value](#) in the long run while protecting you from costly burglaries. And home automation can help save you money on lighting, heating, and cooling expenses too.

Garage Safety Checklist

- ☐ Replace automatic garage door openers clipped to visors, which thieves could use. Instead, opt for a keychain remote or use [home automation](#)—and never leave the garage door open.
 - ☐ [Smart garage door opener](#)
 - ☐ [Garage door sensors](#)
 - ☐ [Automatic garage door closers](#)
 - ☐ [Automatic garage door locks](#)
- ☐ Secure garage doors with extra locks.
- ☐ Use a Garage Shield to cover your garage door's emergency release cord.
- ☐ Install [motion-activated floodlights](#).
- ☐ Cover windows with interior curtains and blinds. Or consider an adhesive window Film.
- ☐ Protect your service entry and home entry doors with a [single-sided deadbolt](#) and [reinforced strike plate](#), using a minimum of 3-inch screws to secure it.



Research Security Cameras and Alarm Systems

Burglars have reported that they skip homes with [security cameras](#) and [alarm systems](#). Find out what security systems are available, and identify which type makes sense for your home.