



## Home Security Checklist

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Dear Resident:

Burglary and most other crimes are crimes of opportunity. If you, as a homeowner, can reduce the opportunity for a criminal to commit a crime at your residence, you will be reducing your chances of becoming a victim. The attached checklist was designed to help identify security weaknesses at your home.

Please utilize this checklist to identify areas where your residential security can be enhanced. Every "NO" checkmark identifies what may be a vulnerable area and should be corrected to improve your home's security. If you require assistance, the Ross Police Department will have a representative come to your residence to conduct a "Security Survey" which would take less than one hour. A police officer will inspect your home and discuss all aspects of home security and personal safety with you.

I would like to encourage all residents to participate in keeping our community safe by securing their homes and activating their alarm systems when they leave their residences. Going on vacation? Please contact us and get on our "Vacation Check List". If you have any questions regarding personal security or crime prevention, please contact the Ross Police Department for further information. Thank you.

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**Doors and entry areas**

	Yes	No
1. Are your exterior doors of solid construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do your entry doors have wide-angle viewers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do exterior doors have cylinder type deadbolt locks with at least a one inch throw and beveled cylinder guards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or some similar secure device that can only be operated from the inside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Can ALL your doors (basement, porch, French, balcony) be securely locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Are your locks in good repair?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are the door strike plates and hinges installed with three-inch screws?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Do you know <u>everyone</u> who has a key to your house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Do all your out swinging doors have the hinges pinned or have non-removable pins?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Do your exterior lights have a minimum of 60 watt bulbs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery, and other décor to permit maximum visibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Do sliding doors have an auxiliary lock that locks both door panels together or to the frame?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp, or other auxiliary locking device?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Do you lock your garage when not in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. When you park your car, do you remove the keys out, even when you park inside your garage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**When you go on a trip**

1. Do you arrange for neighbors or friends to pick up your newspapers, and other delivered packages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you notify your neighbor(s) that you will be gone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you arrange to keep your lawn maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you use timing devices for your lights and radios?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Without creating too much visibility, do you leave some shades up or curtains open to give the appearance of being occupied?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you lock all doors and windows when leaving?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Do you notify the Ross Police Department of the dates that you will be gone, and provide an emergency number where you can be reached?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Congratulations! You have just taken the first step to a safer home. If you have any questions regarding this survey or any other crime prevention tips, please contact the Ross Police Department at 415.453.1453, option 2 and ask to speak to the on-duty officer.