

## SECURITY WHEN AWAY FROM HOME

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|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | YES                      | NO                       |
| At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence when we are away from home for an extended period of time? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor to pick them up have been made when we go away?                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Call the Troy Police Department at 334-566-0500 to request extra patrol while you are out of town?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## MORE IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVED SECURITY

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# BURGLARY BY THE NUMBERS



**14 SECONDS** A burglary occurs somewhere in the United States every 14 seconds.

Most residential burglaries occur from 10am to 3pm when people are at work or school. **10AM to 3PM**

Burglary costs \$4.6 billion in lost and damaged property every year. **\$4.6 BILLION**

Police clear about 13% of all reported burglaries and rarely catch the thief in the act. **13 PERCENT**

July and August have the most burglaries with February having the fewest. **JULY to AUGUST**

From time of entry, burglars spend an average of 8 to 12 minutes in your home. **8-12 MINUTES**

<h3>WHAT THEY USE TO BREAK IN</h3> <p>70% of burglars use some amount of force to enter a dwelling, but they prefer to gain easy access through an open door or window.</p>	<h3>WHAT THEY STEAL</h3> <p>Favorite items to steal are cash, jewelry, guns, watches, laptop computers, tablets, DVRs, DVDs and other small electronic devices.</p>
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**WHO THEY ARE**  
Burglaries are committed most often by young males under 25 years of age looking for items that are small, expensive, and can easily be converted to cash for living expenses and drugs.

**!** By the time you finish reading this infographic, 13 burglaries will have occurred in the US.  
(Based on an estimated reading time of 3 minutes)

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# CITY OF TROY



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

## HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST





## Home Security CHECKLIST

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked "no" indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home's security.

### EXTERIOR DOORS

- |   | YES                      | NO                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house even if it's just for a few minutes?              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All entry ways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Single cylinder deadbolt lock installed?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All deadbolt strike plates are secured using 3-inch screws?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox?       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### WINDOWS

- |   | YES                      | NO                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Every window in the house has a working lock and is Securely pinned?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Windows are always locked, or when open for ventilation, window pins are in place allowing the window to open Six (6) inches or less? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### GARAGE & SLIDING DOORS

- |   | YES                      | NO                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and single cylinder deadbolt? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The overhead garage door has a latch so we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The sliding glass door has a strong, working latch?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track?                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### OUTDOOR SECURITY

- |  | YES                      | NO                       |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or Yard that would hide prowlers?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Outdoor lights are on in the evening - whether someone is at home or not, or photocell or motion sensitive lighting system has been installed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other Emergency vehicles can find the house quickly?                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### OUTDOOR VALUABLES & PERSONAL PROPERTY

- |   | YES                      | NO                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high security, laminated padlocks?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gates latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Every bicycle, ATV, and golf cart is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain. They should always be locked, even if we leave them for just a minute?                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Valuables items, such as television, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with identifying numbers approved by local police?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures and serial numbers. A complete copy is kept in safe location?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

#### WHAT GOODS ARE MOST COMMONLY STOLEN?

