



CPTED Home Security Checklist

This is a guide to evaluate your home’s security, based on the principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). Crime prevention is a matter of balancing risk and choices, based on what is practical and what we know about criminal behavior.

This Crime Prevention Survey does not address code violations or other safety issues. While every effort has been made to incorporate reasonable means to reduce the opportunities for criminal activities to occur, there is no expressed or implied guarantee that no criminal activity will take place if these suggestions are implemented. The recommendations for improvement are based on CPTED principles, which are widely accepted in the security, law enforcement, and architectural fields.

Exterior Doors:	Yes	No	N/A
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house – even if it’s just for a few minutes.			
Doors and frames are solid hardwood or metal.			
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.			
If there are glass panels in or near doors, they are reinforced in some way, so they cannot be shattered.			
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door (1” throw, 3” screws).			
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.			
The locks were changed when we moved in.			
Entry points can be seen from public areas.			

Garage and Sliding Door:	Yes	No	N/A
The door and frame leading into the home from the garage is solid wood or metal and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.			
The overhead garage door has a lock, so we do not rely solely on the automatic garage door opener to provide security.			
Garage doors are locked when we leave the house.			
The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock.			
A dowel or a pin to secure the sliding glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.			
The sliding glass door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.			

Protecting Windows	Yes	No	N/A
Every window in the home has a working lock.			
Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.			

Aftermarket security film can be added for additional window strength.			
Screens on the windows are in good order and are not easily removed from the exterior.			
A dowel or pin is placed to reinforce window locks.			

Outdoor Security	Yes	No	N/A
Shrubs/bushes are trimmed, so there is no place for someone to hide (2' down/6' up).			
There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.			
We have used inhospitable plants or landscaping material to discourage prowlers.			
Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.			
Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.			
Outdoor lights are on in the evening whether someone is home or not/a photocell and motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.			
Our house number is clearly displayed, so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.			
Our property is clean and clear of debris.			

Security When Away from Home	Yes	No	N/A
At least two light timers are set to turn the lights, TV or radio on and off in a logical sequence when we are away from home for an extended time period.			
The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) is activated when we leave home.			
Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up are made when we go away from home for a period of time.			
A neighbor is asked to watch our home when we are away and notify BPD to request extra patrol during this time.			

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property	Yes	No	N/A
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with a high-security, laminated padlock OR circular pad lock after every use.			
Grills, lawn mowers, bicycles and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view and securely locked to a stationary point.			
Firearms are stored unloaded, locked away, and secured with a trigger guard lock.			
Serial numbers of valuable items, such as television, stereos, and computers have been recorded and kept in a secure, safe place. ***A form for Operation Identification is available on the BPD website to assist with recording this information***			