

# CHECKLIST: BURGLARY PREVENTION

## DO:

- Lock your home every time you leave – even if only for short while.
- If you lose your keys or they are stolen, change the locks on your home as soon as possible.
- Check that your doorframes are secure and that your doors fit properly.
- Lock your front door when you are at the back of the house or in the garden.
- Install a peephole in your front door and check the identity of visitors before letting them in.
- Lock away all ladders and tools.
- Keep shrubs and trees well trimmed, particularly those close to windows and doors.
- Install key-operated locks on all windows.
- Use laminated glass or shatter-resistant film on windows.
- Secure garages and sheds on your property.
- Engrave your property with your name or drivers licence number.
- Photograph property that you cannot engrave.
- Make a register of your valuable property, recording serial numbers and descriptions. Keep this in a safe place.
- If you are going away, cancel deliveries, turn the telephone down and ask a trusted friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your home.

## DON'T:

- Leave spare keys outside your home.
- Attach your name and address to your keys.
- Leave notes on the front door advising visitors that you are absent.
- When away, do not leave a message on your answering machine advising callers that you are absent.
- Keep large amounts of cash at home.

## CONSIDER:

- If you live in a high-risk location, consider fitting security grilles.
- Installing an alarm system.
- Joining or starting a Neighbourhood Watch Program in your area.



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