



## 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 checklist was developed as a courtesy for you by the Hoover Police Department. It 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	NA
All doors are locked at night & every time we leave the house - even if it is for just a few minutes.			
Doors are of solid core (wood, not composite) or metal.			
Door frame is strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading. (max: 1/8" gap)			
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights that everyone can use.			
If there are glass panels in or near doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered. (on vulnerable glass consider Security Film/Tint/Glazing, also called "burglar-resistant")			
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt hardware. (Grade 1 hardware, at least 1" bolt throw)			
All entryways have adequate strike plates with at least 3" screws installed into the frame of the door. ("shake test")			
The locks were changed when we moved in.			
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor & not under a doormat, planter, on a ledge or in mailbox.			
Entry points can be seen from the street or public areas.			
There are "clear lines of sight" to and from the residence with no concealment issues. (porch, fence or other landscaping)			

Garage and Sliding Doors:	Yes	No	NA
The door and frame leading into the home from the garage is <i>solid</i> wood or metal, and is protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.			
The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic garage door opener to provide security.			
Garage Doors are all closed and locked when we leave the house.			
The garage door opener is in a conspicuous location inside the vehicle, not on the visor.			
Sliding glass doors have a strong, key operated lock and a "charlie-bar" on the inside.			
A dowel or 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.			



<b>Protecting Windows:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
Every window in the home has a working lock.			
Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.			
Vulnerable windows have security tint/film/glazing, security screens or bars/grills.			

<b>Outdoor Security:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
Shrubs/bushes/trees are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide (3' down/7' up).			
We've used inhospitable plants or landscaping material to discourage prowlers.			
There are no dark areas around our house, garage or yard at night for a prowler to hide.			
Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.			
Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination. (high/out of reach)			
Exterior lights are on in the evening whether someone is home or not; OR photocell or motion-detection lighting system has been installed.			
Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find us quickly.			
Our property is clean and clear of debris.			

<b>Security When Away From Home:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
At least 2 light timers are set to turn the (interior) lights, TV or radio on & off in a logical sequence when we are away from home for an extended period of time. Smart app timers can be used also.			
The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) is activated when we leave home.			
Mail and package delivery has 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. (Or, Watch Captain is notified.)			
The home has a "lived in" appearance, not empty.			

<b>Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
Gates, garage doors & outdoor shed doors are all locked with high-grade padlocks after every use.			
Grills, lawn mowers, trailers, bicycles, tools 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 and kept in a safe location. (gun safe, trigger guard, etc.)			
Serial numbers of valuable items (electronics, firearms, equipment, etc.) have been recorded.			
Our home inventory is current and includes pictures of items that don't have serial numbers (jewelry, heirlooms, etc.). A complete copy is kept in a safe place or securely online: <a href="https://reportit.leadsonline.com/">https://reportit.leadsonline.com/</a>			

Our neighborhood has an active Neighborhood Watch.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>NA</b>
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