Home Security Audit

House-breaking is one of the most common crimes and can occur at any time of the day or night. This checklist is designed to help you take a fresh look at your home security.

You can take steps to reduce identified risk areas in your home and reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime or a repeat victim of crime.

How does your home security rate? Lock up and reduce the risk of opportunity crime.

Present condition			Consider making changes to the items ticked NO
Security Doors			
At all entry/exits?	Y ☐	N ☐	Security doors deter intruders from entering your home
Finger guards?	Y ☐	N ☐	Finger guards prevent the lock on your security door/s being tampered with
Triple locks?	Y ☐	N ☐	Triple locks increase the strength and security of your doors
Main Entry/Exit Doors			
Front - solid core?	Y ☐	N ☐	Solid doors are preferred; the door should be as strong as the lock
Front - viewer?	Y ☐	N ☐	Door viewers help you see who is outside your front door before you open it
Back - solid core?	Y ☐	N ☐	Solid doors are preferred; hollow core doors should be avoided
Adequate locks?	Y ☐	N ☐	Dead locks are the best type of lock to use on entry/exit doors
Keyed alike?	Y ☐	N ☐	For safety and ease of use, one key opens all doors
Sliding Doors			
Patio bolts?	Y ☐	N ☐	Keyed patio bolts on sliding doors strengthen the security of these doors
Windows			
Key operated locks?	Y ☐	N ☐	Key operated locks strengthen the security of your windows
Keyed alike?	Y ☐	N ☐	For safety and ease of use, one key opens all windows
Security screens?	Y ☐	N ☐	Security screens, grilles and shutters allow ventilation and can provide security
Warning stickers?	Y ☐	N ☐	Warning stickers may deter intruders from stealing your property
Lighting			
Main entry/exits?	Y ☐	N ☐	The main entry/exit areas to your home should be well lit
Timers fitted?	Y ☐	N ☐	Lights left on inside your home when you are out often deter intruders
Timers used?	Y ☐	N ☐	Timers should be activated when away from your home at night
Sensor lighting?	Y ☐	N ☐	Sensor lighting in ‘high risk’ areas deter intruders from entering your home

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Property marking			
Engraved with code?	Y ☐	N ☐	Property engraving and using WARNING stickers on your property reduces the risk of it being stolen
Code recorded?	Y ☐	N ☐	Your Property ID code should be recorded with police to assist them to contact owners of recovered items
Inventory list?	Y ☐	N ☐	Recording serial numbers, makes, models and descriptions of your property helps police recover stolen items and will assist you to make an insurance claim (you may wish to photograph items and store somewhere safe)
Other safety considerations			
Clear vision?	Y ☐	N ☐	Make sure all doors and windows can be seen clearly from outside
Trees/shrubs trimmed?	Y ☐	N ☐	Trim any trees/shrubs that conceal doors and windows from being observed from the street
Garage/shed secure?	Y ☐	N ☐	Garages and sheds should be securely locked at all times
Tools secure?	Y ☐	N ☐	Lock tools away to prevent an intruder using them to get into your house
Wheelie bins secured?	Y ☐	N ☐	Lock wheelie bins away or chain them to a fixed structure away from the house to prevent an intruder using them to climb into your home
Gates to yard secured?	Y ☐	N ☐	Lock gates to the backyard with a keyed padlock to prevent access by intruders
Meter box secured?	Y ☐	N ☐	Your electricity meter box should be locked (contact your electricity provider to arrange)
House numbers?	Y ☐	N ☐	House numbers should be clearly visible from the road
Smoke alarms?	Y ☐	N ☐	Install smoke alarms and develop a fire evacuation plan
Security alarms?	Y ☐	N ☐	Electronic security alarm systems deter intruders from entering your home
Safe disposal of personal documents?	Y ☐	N ☐	All documents/paperwork containing your personal details (e.g. old phone bills, medical invoices, power bills, rates notices) should be totally destroyed before being placed in your wheelie bin for rubbish collection. This will help protect you from identity theft. For more information on this refer to the QPS Identify Theft fact sheet.

Personal security in the home

Do you keep information about your security arrangements private? Y ☐ N ☐

Be aware of providing information about your home security arrangements to people that do not need to know this information. Highlighting your security weaknesses to others could be detrimental.

Do you keep information about your personal arrangements private? Y ☐ N ☐

Information about bank accounts and balances and personal particulars, including your living arrangements, should not be disclosed unnecessarily. Be conscious of also providing information to others about your planned absences from home.

Do you store valuables out of sight and reach from outside? Y ☐ N ☐

Opportunistic thefts can occur when valuables are in clear view and within easy reach. Valuables are best stored out of sight and in a secure location.

Do you have important phone numbers stored in your phone? Y ☐ N ☐

Having your local police station phone number stored in your phone makes it easier to dial, especially in the dark. Triple Zero (000) can also be stored for use in emergencies. It is also useful to store the phone numbers of family and close friends for use by emergency services in the event of an incident.

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