



# HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

Use this as a guide for checking your home safety measures. Boxes marked “no” indicate areas where you could take action to improve your homes’ security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is a targeted.

## 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 entryways have a working keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door. Heavy-duty striker plates are installed strengthen the lock.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interest in Company/Position	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Garage and Sliding Door Security

	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 deadbolt and equipped with a peep hole.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security. Slide and pad locks are recommended	<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 strong, working key locks.	<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"/>

## Protecting Windows

	Yes	No
Every window in the house has a working thumb turn lock or is securely pinned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Outdoor Security

	Yes	No
Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide. Scrubs are maintained at a maximum height of 3 and wedge shaped toward the base of the plant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night 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 a 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"/>

## Security When Away From Home

	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 time period.	<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/friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away. Consider utilizing the Citizen Observer Patrol Program for "House Checks".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Outdoor Valuables and Personals Property

	Yes	No
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gate 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 is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bikes are always 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 installed with identifying number approved by local police	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you are interested in having a Home Security Assessment of your residence, your Crime Prevention Officer will be available to provide this service for you. This service consists of a thirty minute walk through of your residence where the officer will focus on physical, electronic security and CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design). A typed document is sent to the resident to provide the findings of the Crime Prevention Officer. Watts Hospital-Hillandale residents please phone Officer Eric Hester at 560-4582 ext. 238 or e-mail [eric.hester@durhamnc.gov](mailto:eric.hester@durhamnc.gov)