

# Home Security Checklist

The following measures will help home owners reduce their risk of falling victim to burglary.

## The Perimeter

- Install a fence
- Install good lighting (60 watt bulbs or brighter)
- Keep exterior lights on from dusk to dawn
- Install security cameras

## Doors and Windows

- Install strong, solid doors
- Choose high-quality deadbolt locks and use them
- Lock all windows (including basement, and second floor)
- Use a blocking device for sliding doors
- Close all blinds and curtains
- Keep garage door locked at night, and when you're away

## Landscaping

- Plant thorny bushes near windows and along fence line
- Keep bushes trimmed around windows and walkways to eliminate hiding places
- Keep gates locked

## Neighborhood Helpers

- Make friends with neighbors to build trust and camaraderie
- Ask a trusted neighbor to park their car in your driveway, pick up newspapers, check the mail, and mow your lawn if you will be away for a while
- Start or join a neighborhood watch program

## Home Security Services

- Use a local, reputable company with a good rating from the Better Business Bureau
- Get three estimates, then choose the service provider best for you
- Use the alarm system
- Schedule a home security inspection with local police, or a security specialist