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