



Farmington Public Safety Department Home Security Checklist



Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked “no” indicate areas where you should take action to improve the security of your home. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that your home is targeted by thieves. Please contact Commander Frank Demers at 248-474-5500, ext #2246 if you would like more information about home security.

Exterior Doors

Yes No

All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house.

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.

Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at a height everyone in the home can use.

If there are glass panels in or near the door, they are reinforced so they cannot be shattered.

All entryways have working, keyed entry locks with sturdy deadbolt locks installed into the frame of the door. These locks are installed with 3” screws and the deadbolt extends at least 1” into the door frame.

Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat, planter, on a ledge, or in a mailbox.

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 (as described above).

The overhead garage door has a locking mechanism.

All garage doors are locked when leaving the house.

The sliding glass door has strong working key locks.

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.

The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.

Protecting Windows

Every window in the house has a working lock or is securely pinned.

Windows are always locked even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.

Outdoor Security

Yes **No**

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.

There are no dark areas around the house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.

Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.

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.

The house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.

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 for an extended time period.

The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.

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.

A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

Yes **No**

Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked with high-security, laminated padlocks.

Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.

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.

Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.

Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for just a minute.

Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.

Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with identifying numbers.

Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete Inventory is kept somewhere out of the house.