***Home Security Checklist***

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| Exterior doors | |
|  | Write rich, keyword-focused content |
|  | Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad? |
|  | Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use. |
|  | If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered. |
|  | All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door. |
|  | Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox. |
| Garage and Sliding Door Security | |
|  | 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. |
|  | The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security. |
|  | Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house. The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock. |
|  | 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 key lock or is securely pinned. |
|  | Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation. |
| Outdoor Security | |
|  | Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide. |
|  | There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers. |
|  | Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors. |
|  | 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. |
|  | Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles ca n find the house quickly |
|  | Will his or her calls be transferred? Forwarded? Or will coworkers take messages? |
|  | How often will the teleworker check e-mail? |
| Security When Away From Home | |
|  | 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 a n extended time period. |
|  | The motion detector or other alarm system 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 | |
|  | Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are a 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 and securely locked to a stationary point. |
|  | A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away. |
|  | Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain. |
|  | Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks. |
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