

HOME SECURITY CHALLENGE

Is your home likely to attract a potential burglar?

a one-inch throw?

security strike plates.

21/2 inches long?

□ NO

YES

YES

Do all of your exterior doors have a deadbolt with at least

Quality deadbolts should be installed on all exterior doors with

Are the screws that secure your entry doors and the strike plates located on the door jamb opposite the lock at least

Door kick break-ins to homes are common. Most door

Do the sliding windows of your home have a:

"pin" (removable nail like object drilled through the overlapping vertical frame at a downward angle),



door scope. This will allow you to keep your door locked while

assessing the visitor prior to opening the door.

	installations use screws less than 1" in length. This results in a door that appears secure but is relatively weak and easily prone to being kicked in. To secure a door properly the screws should
The home security challenge was developed	be at least 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches long, and the strike plate should have a minimum of four offset holes.
to give you an indication of the level of	
security in your home. Take the Home	Have you taken steps to reinforce any windows located in or next to doors?
Security Challenge and learn how a little	YES NO
time, effort and money can greatly improve	Glass within 40 inches of a door lock can be broken and a criminal can reach inside to unlock the door. The security of
your peace of mind in and around your home.	windows at the sides of doors can be improved by adding a
OUTCIDE HOME	polycarbonate panel (available at home improvement centres). Call Crime Prevention Services for details.
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Are there clear views of all windows and doors?	SLIDING DOORS
The more private an area is, the more likely it is to attract the	If you have a sliding door, do you have screws in the top
attention of a criminal. Trim trees and shrubs that block sight	of the track to prevent the door from being lifted out when they are in the closed and locked position?
lines to your windows and doors, particularly basement windows.	□ N/A □ YES □ NO
During the evening is there visible interior or exterior	There is a 1" gap at the top of sliding doors, which allows them
lighting that gives the impression that you are home, even if you're not?	to be lifted in and out of their tracks. The addition of 3 flat-wood screws in the upper track of the doors in the closed position will
YES NO	prevent criminals from lifting them out.
Install outside lighting to eliminate dark areas around doors or	If you have a sliding door, do you have either a hockey
windows. Use motion activated lights with a low intensity feature as an alternative to bright constant level lighting.	stick in the bottom track or a security bar to prevent the door from opening?
	N/A YES NO
DOORS	The standard locking pin on sliding doors is usually cast metal,
Is there a convenient way of clearly seeing who is at your door without opening it?	which is weak and easily broken. A snug fitting hockey stick or security bar should be added to the door to prevent it from
YES NO	being pried.
Every entrance door should have a convenient way of clearly	WINDOWS
seeing who is there without opening it. For most doors this will require the installation of a wide-angle lens peephole or	SLIDING

 piece of wood in the track beside and above the window frame (flat-head-wood screws can be substituted for the 	WHEN AWAY
latter), or	When you are away from home do you leave lights on timers
- secondary aftermarket locking device?	both inside and outside the home?
N/A YES NO	YES NO Timers make a home look lived in and will potentially avoid
Most window locks are easily broken. To prevent quiet entry, add one or more of the security measures mentioned above. Be careful	leaving your home in darkness or leaving the outside lights on
not to contact the glass if drilling through the window frame.	during the day.
DOUBLE HUNG	Do you have a trusted neighbour or friend pick up your
Do the double hung (moves up and down) windows of your home have a pin secondary aftermarket locking device?	mail, newspapers and flyers when away for more than a day?
□ N/A □ YES □ NO	□ N/A □ YES □ NO
The pin should be drilled on a downward angle through the	The accumulation of mail, newspapers and flyers is a sure sign that nobody's home. Avoid sending the wrong message
top of the bottom frame and the bottom of the top frame. Be careful not to contact the glass when drilling a window frame.	to burglars.
	Have you made arrangements to have your lawn cut and
CASEMENT/AWNING STYLE Give yourself a point if you have good quality casement/	your snow shoveled when you go away?
awning style windows with two latches per window.	□ N/A □ YES □ NO
□ N/A □ YES	The appearance of your home should never vary whether you're
CARACE DOORS	home or away. Burglars are deterred by an "illusion of occupancy".
GARAGE DOORS	If you have an answering machine, do you leave a message
Do you always close and lock your garage door?	that leaves the impression you are home?
☐ N/A ☐ YES ☐ NO Thefts from garages are one of the most common yet easily	N/A YES NO Never leave a message that says you're not home.
prevented crimes. Keep garage doors closed and locked. Keep	Therei reave a message that says you're not nome.
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