

# Fort Lauderdale Police Department



## Residential Security Checklist

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We would like for you to take a few moments and review this checklist.

As you move about your home, you will find that each section points out specific areas where security should be a factor.

When you have completed your checklist, look at the yes and no columns. If you find that you have more no's than yes', then we would encourage you to find a solution that will work for you and your family to better protect your home.

If you have any questions about the checklist or cannot find a solution to an area that needs attention, please feel free to contact your crime prevention unit.

We also encourage you to contact the unit for a free survey. This survey can give you greater insight on how to protect your family and residence along with practical solutions to strengthen your home's security.

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## **Outside of Your Home**

	<b><u>Yes</u></b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Are lights installed around the perimeter of the home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are some of these lights motion activated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the lighting around your home illuminate entranceways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are lights attached in areas where they cannot be reached or turned off?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is landscaping minimized to allow a visual line of sight to windows and doors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are trees trimmed up higher than six feet and trimmed away from lights?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can your address be easily seen from your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are ladders or other tools secured preventing them from being used as a burglary tool?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are sheds or outside closets secured with a quality lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **Doors**

Are all exterior doors made of solid wood or metal construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do your doors fit securely within their frame?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the frames strong and tight to prevent forcing, spreading or jimmying?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the doors hinges protected from the removal from the outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do all door locks function properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there secondary locks (such as deadbolts) on all exterior doors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do the deadbolt locks extend into the door sufficiently?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are strike plates installed over locks with at least 1 ½ screws?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do your exterior doors have a 180 degree viewfinder?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your sliding glass door covered by sufficient locking devices?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ensured that the sliding glass door cannot be lifted out of the track?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have secondary locks on your French doors?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are glass areas near or on the door reinforced in any way to prevent access to the lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you lock the interior garage door with a secondary lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Windows**

**Yes**                      **No**

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Do all windows have adequate locks in good operating condition?                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you installed secondary locking devices that are easily removed in case of a fire? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do your windows have screens that lock from the inside?                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are your windows impact resistant or have impact resistant tinting?                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are your windows in good repair and fit snugly into the frame?                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you close and lock your windows when you are not home?                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you close and lock your windows when you are sleeping?                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you have curtains, drapes, or blinds on your windows?                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are your valuables (computer, jewelry, camera) not easily seen from a window?           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Garage**

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| Are entrances from the garage to the home made of metal or solid wood construction? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do the doors from the garage have adequate locks and secondary locks?               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are the windows in the garage properly secured and in good condition?               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the garage door have adequate locking devices?                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the garage door working properly and in good condition?                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the garage door opener have an automatic light that turns on?                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the garage door kept closed and locked at all times?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the garage contain an attic entrance that is secured from access to the home?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Alarm**

**Yes**                      **No**

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| If you have an alarm, do you use it?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you use the alarm when you are settled inside your home for the night?               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the home have a security alarm system that is functional?                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the alarm meet the needs of the resident?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the system monitored by a reliable alarm service?                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the alarm have a cellular back-up in case the phone lines are cut?                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the alarm panel concealed from windows so a person cannot tell if the alarm is on?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the alarm have an internal and external audible alarm to deter a burglar?          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do all exterior doors (side garage and garage interior too) have intrusion detectors?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do all windows, including garage windows, have intrusion detectors?                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are windows covered by glass break sensors?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the interior covered by motion sensors which are set for pets to avoid false alarms? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you updated your callout list with your alarm company?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Child Safety**

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Do your children know what to do in case of an emergency?                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do your children know their address and phone number?                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you talked with your children about answering the door or phone?           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do your children know how to use the 911 number?                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does someone monitor the child's use of the computer?                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the computer set inside a living room or kitchen with the screen facing out? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you talked with your children (depending on age) about strangers?          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you talked with your children (depending on age) about gun safety?         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you talked with your children (depending on age) about drugs?              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Have you talked with your children (depending on age) about computer safety?    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do you monitor your children when they play outside?                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**General Safety**

**Yes**                      **No**

Are you careful not to open the door to strangers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you acknowledge to person(s) at your door that you are home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you lock your car and remove all valuables even when at home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you careful not to leave your garage door opener in your car?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have a safe, is it theft and fire rated and bolted to the ground?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you keep a list, picture and serial number of all your valuables?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you keep your valuables in a safe and secured place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you shred all your personal information?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you careful to never give out personal information over the phone or computer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have emergency phone numbers listed by your phone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you review safety plans with your family?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have a firearm, is it unloaded and locked safely away?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you regularly update your computer security?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you call the police when you see suspicious person(s) or activity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have a pool, are the exterior doors leading to it alarmed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the pool have a child proof fence surrounding it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the property around the pool fenced in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are family members trained in CPR?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>