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DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR HOME IS VULNERABLE TO BURGLARY?

It is helpful to look at your house and property the way a burglar sees them. House burglars are mostly opportunistic look for the best opportunity. When they look at your property, they assess two things: 1) how easy it would be to get inside, and 2) how likely it is that it will be profitable.

Use this pdf as a home security audit while walking around your property. You can do a home safety assessment at the same time.

Bear in mind that you don't need to follow all the recommendations we make here. That said, the more you do, the more undesirable you'll make your home to potential burglars.

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A BURGLAR LOOKING AT YOUR HOUSE IS ASSESSING:

YOUR LANDSCAPING

They can learn two things from your landscaping; how much money you have, and where concealed points of entry into your house are.

DOORS & WINDOWS

Are any doors or windows concealed from the street? Easy to access?

LIGHTING

We recommend installing motion activated flood lights at all points of possible entry to your house, garage, and other outbuildings. Use flood lights because they light up a wide area with very bright light. This will alarm and annoy a burglar. They will suddenly be brightly illuminated before they actually touch anything. And a flood light suddenly turning on in the dark screams "Look over here!"

Read the blog post for full details.

HOME SECURITY ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

- Expensive landscaping?
- Thorny shrubs or plants blocking access to windows?
- Trees allowing access to 2nd floor?
- Can neighbors see into the backyard?
- Vegetation obscures doors or windows from the street or from neighbor's view?
- Vegetation blocking the view from the street
- Structures blocking the view from the street or neighbors
- Hollow core door (front, side, or back)?
- Is the door unlocked?
- Dead bolt present?
- Strike plate has the standard short screws.
- Are any windows left open?
- Are the windows locked?
- Can I break the glass easily?
- Is your sliding glass door locked?
- Does it have anything else preventing me from moving the door?
- Can I break the sliding glass door?
- Is the front door area dark?
- Is the backdoor area dark?
- Are any of the windows in the dark?
- Are doors to the garage in the dark?
- Are doors and windows to outbuildings in the dark?
- Can I see motion activated light fixtures anywhere?
- Are boxes to high value items in the trash?
- Is the mailbox stuffed?
- Is there a dog house?
- Can I hear a dog barking?