



NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY AWARENESS

PROMOTING CRIME PREVENTION AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Home Security Checklist

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked “No” indicate areas where you can act to improve the security of your home. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home will be targeted.

Protecting Exterior Doors

	Yes	No
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it’s just for a few minutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exterior doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors feature wide-angled peepholes at heights everyone can use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Protecting Garage and Sliding Doors

The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood and	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding glass door has a dowel or a pin to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Protecting Exterior Windows

Yes No

Every window is equipped with auxiliary locks or pinned

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All windows are locked when they are shut

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Windows are always secured, even when they are open a few inches for ventilation

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Garage windows are covered with curtains or blinds

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Protecting Exterior of Residence

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

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There are no dark areas around our house, garage or yard at night

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Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors

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All gates are locked when not in use

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The lights around the perimeter of the house are controlled by motion detectors or photocells

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Our house numbers are clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly

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A lock secures our electrical switch box

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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 an extended period of time

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

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Someone has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away

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Security When Away from Home

Yes No

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 any period

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A vacation request form has been filled out on City of Los Altos website via <https://www.losaltosca.gov/police/webform/vacation-contact-form>

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Home Security System

Home security system with full residence coverage

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Home security system with monitoring service

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Home security system with notification capabilities

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Register your home security system with the Los Altos Police Department via <https://www.crywolfservices.com/losaltosca/>

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Home security system that is activated

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Home Security Camera System

Home security camera system with access point / driveway / street coverage

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Home security camera system with recording capabilities

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Home security camera system with notification capabilities

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Home security camera system with adequate storage capabilities

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Register your home security camera system with the Los Altos Police Department

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Home security camera system that is activated

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Protecting Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

Yes No

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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Valuable items, such as television, stereos and computers have been inscribed with identifying number or mark

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Our home inventory is up-to-date (make, model, serial numbers, pictures, etc.) and a complete copy is stored in a secure location

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