



MIAMI-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Home Security Checklist and Alarm Purchasing Guidelines

HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

Yes No

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| ☐ | ☐ | 1. | Do exterior lights illuminate all entrances to your home? |
| ☐ | ☐ | 2. | Is shrubbery kept trimmed so a burglar can't hide near windows and doors? |
| ☐ | ☐ | 3. | Are garage doors kept closed and locked at all times? |
| ☐ | ☐ | 4. | Are exterior doors made of solid core construction (including door leading from garage to house)? |
| ☐ | ☐ | 5. | Is there a peephole viewer (180 ⁰) on the front door? |
| ☐ | ☐ | 6. | Are sliding glass doors secured with auxiliary locks or pinned, and are screws in the track to prevent removal of doors? |
| ☐ | ☐ | 7. | Are exterior doors secured with a deadbolt lock (single or double cylinder) with a minimum 1 inch throw? |
| ☐ | ☐ | 8. | Are windows secured with auxiliary keyed locks or pinned with a nail? |
| ☐ | ☐ | 9. | Do you report suspicious persons or activity in the neighborhood to the police immediately? |
| ☐ | ☐ | 10. | Are doors locked at all times? |
| ☐ | ☐ | 11. | Are your valuables marked with your Florida driver's license number and do you have a record of them with complete serial number, make and model? |

If you are able to answer yes to all of the above precautions, you have greatly decreased the likelihood of your home being burglarized.

Check to see who is at the front door before opening it to strangers. Require identification from all repair and delivery personnel. If in doubt, check the authenticity of the identification by calling the company before letting the person into your home. Check I.D. through the peephole viewer. A wide angle viewer is easy to install and inexpensive.

For a free home security survey, contact the Neighborhood Resource Officer at your local Miami-Dade Police Department district station.