

SecureHome Checklist

Grounds

- Trim all shrubbery around the house, especially if close to doors and windows
- Install exterior lighting so that no dark areas exist near the house
- Avoid using trellises under second floor windows
- Put away tools and ladders that may be stolen or used by a thief

Exterior Doors

- Install 3" screws into the deadbolt strikeplate for greater security
- Install deadbolts in all exterior doors if not already present
- Exterior doors should be 1 1/2" thick minimum, made of solid wood or metal
- Never give a copy of your key to maintenance or delivery people
- Re-key all locks when moving into a new home or apartment
- Never put I.D. tags on keys
- Ensure all exterior entrances are illuminated at night

Windows

- Use auxiliary locks on windows; Standard locks are easily defeated
- Install pin locks in wooden sash
- Remember, locks do not work if they're not used