

Cocoa Police Department Home/Business Security Inspection Checklist



An important step in preventing home burglary and other crimes is to make sure that a residence is as secure as possible. A careful inspection by someone trained to observe security precautions can indicate features, which would make entry easy or difficult or a prospective burglar.

Chances are good that home security can be improved. Take a hard look at entry points in your residence and determine what steps can reduce vulnerability. A security inspection begins at the front door and goes on to include side and rear doors, windows, locks, lights, landscaping, asset protection, and neighborhood watch involvement. Checks in the orange column of this checklist indicate security weaknesses or hazards that require attention.

This survey may be used by law enforcement professionals or others trained in crime prevention. Neither the inspector, the local law enforcement agency, nor NSA have any liability to you other than to use our best judgment in this inspection and these recommendations.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you in the community's fight against crime. We urge you not only to take steps to make your own residence safer, but also to become active in a Neighborhood Watch Program and Uneighbors.com for the benefit of your entire community.

For further information, please visit www.cocoapolice.com and www.uneighbors.com or call Cocoa Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer at 321-863-9483.

Front Entrance**Recommendations & Comments**

1. Is door itself of metal or solid wood construction?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Is doorframe strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Is door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
6. Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
7. If there are no windows in door, is there a wide-angle viewer or voice intercom device?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
8. Can lock mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port or pet entrance at doorway?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Is exterior or front entrance lighted with at least a 40-watt light?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Can front entrance be observed from street or public areas?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Does porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from street or public areas?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	

Side or Rear Entrance

13. Is door itself of metal or solid wood construction?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Is doorframe strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Is door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
18. Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
19. Can the lock mechanism be reached from outside through a delivery port or pet entrance?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
20. Is the exterior of the doorway lighted by at least a 40-watt bulb?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
21. Is doorway concealed from street or neighbors view by porch, fence, or landscaping?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
22. Does doorway have screen or storm door with adequate lock?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
23. If door is sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
24. Is a "charley-bar" or key-operated lock used on sliding glass door?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	



Entrances from Garage N/A ☐**Recommendations & Comments**

25. Are all entrances to living quarters from garage of metal or solid wood construction?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
26. Does door from garage to living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrance?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Ground Floor Windows

27. Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
28. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
29. Do any windows open onto areas that offer special risk to burglary?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
30. If so, do these windows have security screens or grills?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
31. Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structure or landscaping?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
32. Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Upper Floor Windows N/A ☐

33. Do any upper floor windows open onto porch or garage roofs or roofs of adjoining buildings?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
34. If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	
35. Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
36. Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	

Garage Doors & Windows N/A ☐

37. Is automobile entrance door to garage equipped with adequate locking device?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
38. Is garage door kept closed and locked at all times?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
39. Are garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
40. Is outside utility entrance to garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
41. Are tools, ladders and other equipment kept in garage?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
42. Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40-watt bulb?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Neighborhood Watch & Asset Protection

43. Are residents registered with Uneighbors.com and receiving alerts?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
44. Are residents using CopDots to mark all assets in their residence?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	
45. Are residents actively involved in a neighborhood watch program?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

