

HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Do-it-Yourself Security Inspection Sheet

FRONT ENTRANCE	
Are all exterior doors of metal or solid wood construction?	
Are all door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	
Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?	
Are exterior doors free of windows or other openings (mail slot, pet door) within 40 inches of the lock?	
Is door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?	
Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?	
If there are no windows in door, is there a wide-angle viewer or voice intercom device?	
Are all entrances well-lighted?	
Can front entrance be observed from street or public areas?	
Are shrubbery and landscaping trimmed for visibility?	
Are address numbers a minimum of 4 inches in height?	
Are address numbers clearly visible from the street?	
Are all door locks adequate and in good working order?	
Is your mailbox securable with a locking mechanism, to prevent others from taking it?	
SIDE OR REAR ENTRANCE	
Are all exterior doors of metal or solid wood construction?	
Is doorframe strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	
Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?	
Are exterior doors free of windows or other openings (mail slot, pet door) within 40 inches of the lock?	
Is door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?	
Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?	
Is the exterior of the doorway well-lighted?	
Are all doorways clear of obstruction from neighbors view (i.e. porch, fence, or landscaping)?	
If door is sliding glass, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?	
Is a "charley-bar" or key-operated lock used on sliding glass door?	
If your house has an alley, are address numbers posted facing the alley, at a minimum of 4 inches in height?	

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GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS	
Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?	
Are all windows clear of areas that offer special risk to burglary?	
Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structure or landscaping?	
Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?	
Can your front windows be seen from the street?	
UPPER FLOOR WINDOWS	
Are all upper floor windows far away from porch or garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings, to prevent access?	
If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level?	
Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?	
INSIDE THE HOUSE	
Are timers used to simulate normal activities in the house?	
Have you engraved or photographed your personal property for easy identification?	
GARAGE / UTILITY	
Is the automobile entrance door to the garage equipped with an adequate locking device?	
Is garage door kept closed and locked at all times?	
Are all garage windows secured adequately?	
Are all garage entrances well-lighted on the outside?	
Are all entrances to living quarters from garage of metal or solid wood construction?	
Does the door from the garage to inside the house have adequate locks?	
Is the circuit box locked or secured?	
HOME ALARM	
Do you have an alarm system?	
Are all doors and windows alarmed?	
Is there a motion sensor inside the house?	
Are alarm system warning signs and stickers displayed? (Even if there is no alarm system)	

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