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Home Security Audit Checklist

Section 1 – The Exterior

	YES	NO	
1.	☐	☐	Do any trees or other shrubbery obscure the view of your doors and / or windows from the street?
2.	☐	☐	Does shrubbery or other structures provide a place where an intruder could hide undetected?
3.	☐	☐	Does your residence's appearance give the impression that no one is home? (uncollected mail, newspapers, cob webs, etc.)
4.	☐	☐	Are all outdoor storage sheds, poolhouses, or other exterior buildings kept securely locked when not in use?
5.	☐	☐	Are all garage doors, vehicular and pedestrian, kept closed and locked at all times?
6.	☐	☐	Do you have a privacy fence or wall with adequately secured gates?
7.	☐	☐	Are the house address numbers at least 4" tall, with a contrasting background, and mounted to be cleary visible from the street?
8.	☐	☐	Is the electrical circuit box adequately locked or secured to prevent tampering with fuses or circuit breakers?
9.	☐	☐	Are there ground floor doors or windows which are open, unlocked, have broken glass or are otherwise inviting to an intruder?
10.	☐	☐	Are there second floor windows or doors which are open or obviously unlocked?
11.	☐	☐	Are there any other openings to your home such as skylights, crawl spaces or vents that are unprotected?
12.	☐	☐	Are all entrances to your home illuminated with at least 60-watt or higher light bulbs?
13.	☐	☐	Are there other areas around your home that are unlighted and could provide concealment for an intruder?
14.	☐	☐	Are cars or other vehicles left outside that are unlocked or have keys in the ignition?
15.	☐	☐	Are valuables or other items of interest left in plain view within any vehicles parked outside?

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Section 2 – The Structure

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1.	☐	☐	Are all exterior doors solid core hardwood or metal covered?
2.	☐	☐	Are all exterior doors secured using high security deadbolt locks with a minimum of a 1" long bolt and high security strike plates?
3.	☐	☐	Are the exterior doors hinged so the pin connecting the two hinge pieces is on the inside?
4.	☐	☐	Are the exterior door frames and door hardware strong enough to withstand excessive force?
5.	☐	☐	Is there a wide angle peep-hole viewer in all doors where visitors are admitted?
6.	☐	☐	Are there windows in the access doors or within 40 inches of the locking mechanisms?
7.	☐	☐	Is the sliding glass door locked by placing a pole or board in the floor track to prevent it from being opened from the outside?
8.	☐	☐	Has the sliding glass door been modified to prevent it from being lifted up and removed from the track?
9.	☐	☐	Do all windows have adequate primary and secondary locking mechanisms in good operating condition?
10.	☐	☐	Are the sliding windows locked by placing a pole or bar in the track to restrict or prevent them from being pried open from the outside?
11.	☐	☐	Are any louvered windows covered with a window grille or grate?
12.	☐	☐	Are casement windows securely locked?
13.	☐	☐	Are basement windows secured with a second lock or covered with a grate or grille?
14.	☐	☐	Do all of the garage access doors (overhead and pedestrian) have adequate locking devices?

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Section 3 – The Interior

	YES	NO	
1.	☐	☐	Do you check your doors and windows each time before you leave home to insure they are closed and locked?
2.	☐	☐	Do you keep your doors and windows locked when you are home?
3.	☐	☐	Do you check your doors and windows at least once a day to insure they are closed and locked?
4.	☐	☐	When away from home do you leave your window shades or blinds open?
5.	☐	☐	When away from home do you leave a radio on and tuned to a talk only station?
6.	☐	☐	When your home is not occupied in the evening hours after dark, do you have lights which are controlled by timers?
7.	☐	☐	When you answer the door do you find out who is on the other side of the door before you unlock or open the door?
8.	☐	☐	When you talk on the phone to strangers do you avoid giving answers or making statements which would help the caller gain access to your residence or to you?
9.	☐	☐	When you record your greeting on the telephone answering machine do you take care not to give out information about why you did not answer the phone?
10.	☐	☐	If you have an alarm system, is it armed every time your residence is unoccupied?
11.	☐	☐	If you have firearms, are they unloaded and locked safely away?

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Section 4 – The Contents

	YES	NO	
1.	☐	☐	Do you have a current inventory of the valuables inside your home, including makes, models, serial numbers, and photographs?
2.	☐	☐	Do you have your valuable items, that are "hot" items for burglars, engraved with your social security or drivers license number?
3.	☐	☐	Do you have a safe or safe deposit box for storage of extremely valuable items like jewelry?
4.	☐	☐	Do you have insurance that will cover the cost of replacing stolen or destroyed items?

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SECURITY AUDIT RESULTS - REQUIRED REPAIRS OR CORRECTIONS
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