

Home Defense Analysis

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1. _____ Are all exterior doors solid wood or metal?
2. _____ Do all exterior doors have a deadbolt with a one-inch throw bolt?
3. _____ Does exterior doors use a heavy duty strike plate with three-inch wood screws?
4. _____ Does the strike plate have a minimum of four screws in it?
5. _____ Do the door hinges have two to three inch screws that are fully threaded?
6. _____ Does the front door have a peephole?
7. _____ Is anything covering the peephole?
8. _____ Does the front door have a mail slot?
9. _____ Do you have quality locks on the front door such as Medeco or Schlage?
10. _____ Is glass within three-feet of the backdoor or a side door to the garage?
11. _____ Do all sliding glass doors have a wooden dowel in the track to prevent opening?
12. _____ Does the sliding glass door have a key lock?
13. _____ When is the last time you changed your locks?
14. _____ Have you lost any keys to the house?
15. _____ Are the keys ever left lying around the house where a child's friend, or house cleaner or someone else could swipe a key?
16. _____ Is there a hidden key stored anywhere outside?
17. _____ Is there a key given to the neighbor?
18. _____ Are any keys on your key ring marked? (Such as with the word "home")
19. _____ Can you make a list of everyone who has a key to your house? (Have your children or spouse given keys to other people?)
20. _____ Do you own a dog for protection?

21. ____ Do you have a pet door entrance anywhere?
22. ____ Do you have a dog bowl at the back entrance to your house?
23. ____ Are all of the windows throughout the entire house locked?
24. ____ Do the windows have shock sensors on them?
25. ____ Do the windows have key locks on them?
26. ____ Do the windows have entry sensors on them?
26. ____ Do all of the windows have curtains so people can't see into the house?
27. ____ Are there any trees or fences or other means of easily accessing the second floor windows?
28. ____ Are there any large bushes near the front door?
29. ____ Is there anything at all near the front door where a burglar could hide?
30. ____ Are prickly bushes planted below the lower level windows? (Such as golden raspberry or black raspberry bush.)
31. ____ Are there bushes or items around the windows where someone could hide?
32. ____ Is the lawn mowed and house properly taken care of so that it gives the appearance someone lives in it?
33. ____ Are there any tools or ladders left outside, which a burglar could use to gain access to the house?
34. ____ Are sheds or outbuildings securely locked with a padlock or other device?
35. ____ Is the house number clearly displayed near the front door so police and fire can easily find the house in case of an emergency?
36. ____ Is the house number clearly displayed on the mailbox with reflective numbers?
37. ____ Is your last name on your mailbox or displayed anywhere on the outside of your house? (Not a good idea, criminals can call directory assistance and find out if you're home.)
38. ____ Are multiple lights in the house set on automatic timers?

39. ____ Is the TV or radio set on automatic timers for when you're out of town?

40. ____ At night, is there ample lighting at the front door to identify all visitors?

41. ____ Is there ample lighting all around the house, for all entrances of the house and around windows?

42. ____ Are the exterior lights on timers? Do they go on at 6pm every day and shut off at 6am in the morning?

43. ____ Do you ever leave your lights on 24/7 when you go on vacation?

43. ____ Is all exterior lighting high and out of reach of a potential burglar?

44. ____ If you choose not to leave back yard lights on all night, do you have infrared-motion sensor lights for the back of the house?

45. ____ Do you always close your garage door even when you are home?

46. ____ Does your garage or garage door have any windows?

46. ____ Is the door leading to the garage a solid door with a deadbolt? Is the deadbolt always used even when you're at home?

47. ____ When the garage door is opened does a light automatically come on?

49. ____ Do you leave your garage door opener in your car at night when the car is parked in your driveway?

50. ____ If you have a keypad for the garage door, who knows the code besides you?

51. ____ When is the last time you changed the code on the keypad for your garage door?

52. ____ Do you leave a spare house key in your car at night in the driveway?

53. ____ Do you have an alarm system?

54. ____ Does the alarm system have entry sensors for all windows and doors, plus motion sensors?

55. ____ Do you have a driveway alarm?

56. ____ Do you use a door stopper alarm at the very least?

55. ____ Do you have a home security sign or a window decal on your back yard entrance and your sliding glass door?

58. ____ Do you always remember to set the alarm even to run to the store for just a few minutes? Do you remember to set it when you are home?

59. ____ Who knows the code to your alarm system besides you?

60. ____ When is the last time you changed the code on your alarm system?

62. ____ Does the alarm system include security cameras? Do you at least have fake cameras on your front and back entrance?

69. ____ Are there smoke detectors on every level of the house and do they work?

70. ____ Is there a fire extinguisher in the kitchen?

71. ____ Are valuable documents stored in a fireproof safe?

72. ____ Do you have emergency cash stored in the safe?

75. ____ If someone visits your house, such as a plumber, are there valuables laying around the house revealing you have money?

77. ____ Are valuables photographed for insurance purposes?

78. ____ Do you leave any valuable information inside your car at night or during the day, which tells people details about your home and family?

80. ____ When you go on vacation do you leave any signs at all? (An answering machine, a facebook message, the newspaper piling up on the front door.)

81. ____ When you go on vacation do you have lights on timers that turn on in different areas of the house? (A light in the kitchen and one in the upstairs hallway.)

82. ____ When you go on vacation do you padlock the latch on your garage door?

82. ____ Do you have a firearm stored in the house and are you properly trained? Have you attended the *Shoot House Boot Camp*? (www.ShootHouseBootCamp.com)

83. ____ Have you created a home defense plan for your family and have you practiced this plan?

84. ____ Do you have a firearm stored on each level of the house?

86. ____ Does each member of the family know how to operate every single gun that you own?

87. ____ Are all of the firearms stored in a rapid access safe?

88. ____ Do you always keep your home defense gun loaded with a round in the chamber?

89. ____ Do you have an extra magazine, fully loaded with the gun?

90. ____ Are you using jacketed hollow point self defense ammunition? (Such as Cor-Bon, Speer Gold Dot, Federal Hydrashok)

92. ____ Do you have a flashlight with the gun, such as a SureFire?

93. ____ Do you have a weapon mounted light?

94. ____ Do you have a laser for your gun?

94. ____ Have you practiced how long it will take you to access the gun, if you are suddenly awoken in the middle of the night?

95. ____ Do you have a designated safe room?

96. ____ Does the safe room have a solid core door?

97. ____ Does the safe room have a deadbolt and use three inch screws?

98. ____ Does the safe room have a peephole?

99. ____ Does the safe room have the following items: a cell phone to call the police, a 72-hour kit with first aid, a flashlight, a firearm with plenty of ammunition, a set of house keys, a glow stick (to throw your keys to the police out the window), a knife.

100. ____ What area of the safe room will everyone gather in?

101. ____ Does the safe room provide cover in case someone comes through the door?

102. ____ If you have to shoot someone coming into the safe room, where will the bullet likely go?

104. ____ Do you have a baby gate on the stairs?

105. ____ Do you have an air horn?

106. ____ Do you know what to do if you have to shoot someone in self-defense? Are you a member of the Personal Protection Alliance? (www.AllianceLiberty.com)

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