

LOCKLATCH'S HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

CHECKLIST	YES	NO
Do you lock all your doors at night and every time you go out?		
Do you have a peep hole installed in your front door?		
Do you have break-resistant glass for all windows and relevant doors?		
Are you using window restrictors or door latches for good safe ventilation?		
Do all your windows have working locks and pins?		
Do you have a dowel or pin to prevent any sliding door or window from being lifted off the tracks?		
Have you studied you house as a burglar would to look for and then fix any weak points?		
Are all your valuables: electronics, jewellery and important docs out of sight?		
Do you have a home safe for all your valuables?		
Have you tested your alarm system in the last month and is it always activated?		
Do you have signs outside your house that show your home is monitored?		
Do you have security and safety emergency numbers visible?		
Do you have an emergency exit plan in case of break-in?		
Do you have a fully equipped safe room in case of home invasion? Are all family members briefed and do you practice the drill regularly?		
Is there adequate lighting in your entryways and passageways?		
Have you installed floodlights and motion sensor lights outside?		
When you're not at home, do you have timers on your lights to create the illusion that someone is home?		
Do you leave the TV or radio on when you're out?		
Are you alert when coming home and do you look for anything suspicious or out of place?		

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When you are home, are you aware of any strange noises that may alert you to a break in in progress?		
Do you have surveillance cameras installed?		
Do you lock you car even when it's in the driveway or garage?		
Do you lock your door leading from your garage to your house?		
Have you trimmed bushes and trees to eliminate hiding spots?		
Are your rolling bins securely locked and stowed away?		
Do you lock inter-leading gates between your front and back gardens?		
Are all your mail slots, dryer vents, or pet entrances secured so that an opportunistic burglar cannot access your home?		
Do you have a (guard) dog?		
Is your house number clearly visible so emergency services can find your house quickly?		
Do you stop your mail and newspaper deliveries when you're away or do you arrange for a neighbour to collect your mail?		
If you're going away for long periods of time, have you arranged for someone to maintain your garden?		
Does a trusted neighbour keep your spare keys? Never keep spare keys under a door mat.		
Ensure only relevant (and limited) people have a copy of your spare keys and alarm code.		
Have you got a full set of spare keys in case of loss?		
Do you lock your outdoor valuables away when they're not in use? Example: braais, grills, lawn mowers and bikes.		
Do you lock your ladders and tools away so that an opportunistic burglar does not have access to them?		
Do you keep an inventory of your valuables in case of theft and an insurance claim?		