

FREE BONUS

HOME SECURITY AND SAFETY CHECKLIST

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<u>DOORS</u>		
Are all exterior doors metal or solid wood?	_____	_____
Are exterior doors reinforced sufficiently to withstand excessive force?	_____	_____
On exterior doors that swing outward, are all hinge pins non-removable?	_____	_____
Have you secured doors so they cannot be lifted out of their tracks?	_____	_____
Are door jambs tightly fastened?	_____	_____
Do you have a safe way, such as peepholes, to see outside?	_____	_____
If you have children, is another peephole installed at a lower level so they can see who's at the door?	_____	_____
<u>WINDOWS</u>		
Are there secondary locking devices on all windows?	_____	_____
Have you secured windows so they cannot be lifted out of their tracks?	_____	_____
Have you secured windows left open for ventilation?	_____	_____
Are upstairs and basement windows as secure as those on the main floor?	_____	_____
Are window air conditioners secured from inside?	_____	_____
Is grillwork installed over windows that burglars could use to enter your home?	_____	_____
Have you replaced weak glass with stronger break-resistant glass?	_____	_____
Do curtains or drapes fully cover windows?	_____	_____

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<u>LOCKS/KEYS</u>		
Are deadbolts installed on all exterior doors?	_____	_____
Have you selected single-cylinder or double-cylinder deadbolts as recommended?	_____	_____
Are strike plates of proper size and adequately placed?	_____	_____
Are screws for the strike plates long enough to prevent entry?	_____	_____
Are all means of entry, including sliding glass doors, windows and skylights, secured with at least one auxiliary lock -- for a minimum of two locks on each?	_____	_____
Are Charlie bars installed on sliding glass doors and windows?	_____	_____
Do you regularly use all locking devices?	_____	_____
Do you know who has keys to your home?	_____	_____
Have locks been re-keyed since you moved in?	_____	_____
Have you removed all hidden keys from outside?	_____	_____
<u>INTERIOR</u>		
Have you familiarized yourself with Operation Identification -- and are all valuables marked with your personal number?	_____	_____
Are important papers and expensive items such as jewelry kept in a safe or safe deposit box?	_____	_____
Do you keep a complete inventory list of your personal property?	_____	_____

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INTERIOR (CONT'D)

Do you keep photographs of your valuables with your list of personal property? _____

Do you hide your valuables in places burglars wouldn't suspect? _____

Are your guns in safe places, child-proofed and unloaded? _____

Have you posted "Operation Identification" decals on your windows? _____

Have you registered your name and ID number with your local police department? _____

Have you added a password to your computer? _____

Is the master bedroom or another room prepared for emergency use, i.e. with a solid lock, phone, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, and noisemaker? _____

Are timer switches set to turn lights on at different times? _____

IN ADDITION

Are all vents, cellar doors, coal chutes, basement and attic crawl spaces, and other openings adequately secured? _____

Do you have a safe and effective alarm system? _____

Have you familiarized yourself completely with your alarm system? _____

Is the house number visible from your street? _____

Do timers turn on lights and a radio whenever you are away? _____

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IN ADDITION (CONT'D)

Do you have the recommended message on your telephone answering machine? _____

Do you report suspicious activities in your neighborhood? _____

Do you work with a Neighborhood Watch or another community crime prevention group in your neighborhood? _____

Have you discussed with family members what to say on the telephone to strangers? _____

Have you practiced emergency exit drills with your family? _____

GARAGE

If you have a garage, do you use it? _____

Have you installed at least one high-quality auxiliary lock on the overhead and secondary doors? _____

Do the overhead and secondary doors close tightly? _____

Do you close and lock the doors when you are away from the garage? _____

Are hasps installed without screws showing? _____

Do you have an automatic garage door opener? _____

Do all windows in the garage have at least one auxiliary lock? _____

Can the garage light be turned on from inside the home? _____

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YARD LIGHTING

Are all porches, walkways and entryways well lit? _____

Do outside lights shine on the house rather than in the eyes of the police officer on the street? _____

Are lights on motion detectors? _____

Are fuse and power boxes secured with locks? _____

Have you recently inspected the lighting system? _____

FENCES/SHRUBBERY

Have you eliminated fences that may provide cover for a burglar? _____

Do you have and use locks on all gates? _____

Have you added fence toppings? _____

Have you trimmed shrubs and trees so the view of windows and doors is not obscured? _____

Have you selected plants with thorns that provide an obstacle to burglars? _____

IN ADDITION

When you're away on vacation or business, is your yard maintained? For example, is the lawn mowed, are the newspapers picked up, and the mail collected? _____

Have you secured your ladders, tools, and other items that may be used to gain access? _____

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Are all valuables such as bicycles and mowers kept inside rather than in the yard? _____

Have you reinforced doors to utility sheds from the inside? _____

Are large reflective numbers posted on your mailbox, curb and home? _____

Do you keep doors locked even when you are working in the yard? _____

Have you placed signs of "dog life", such as a dog dish, around the yard? _____

Have you made pet doors tamper-proof? _____

Have you familiarized yourself with -- and implemented -- the zone approach? _____

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

If it's legal where you live, do you keep the vehicle registration form with *you* rather than in the car? _____

Do you keep your vehicle in good repair? _____

Do you keep the car serviced and fluid levels full? _____

Do you keep at least half a tank of gas in your car at all times? _____

Have you had a car alarm installed? _____

Have you had your VIN etched into your windshield? _____

Do you use a steering column lock? _____

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VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (CONT'D)

Do you use other auxiliary locking devices like trunk and hood locks? _____

Have you installed an immobilization system? _____

Do you keep important items in your car? (Spare tire, flashlight, jack, auto fluids, simple tools, blanket, and so on.) _____

DRIVING

Do you plan both your in-town and out-of-town trips carefully? _____

Do you keep your windows rolled up and doors locked when driving? _____

Do you avoid keeping valuables on the passenger seats, both front and rear? _____

Do you keep at least a full car length between you and the vehicle in front of you when you stop in traffic? _____

PARKING

Do you place valuables in your trunk before you drive to your destination? _____

Do you park in areas that will be safe and well-lighted after dark? _____

Do you always close the windows and sunroof and lock your car after parking? _____

Do you leave only the ignition key with the parking attendant? _____

Do you project an image of confidence when walking to and from your car? _____

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PARKING (CONT'D)

Do you keep your key in hand when approaching your car? _____

If you answered any of these questions with “**NO**”, then please address these problems so you and your family stay safe.