

# HOME SECURITY ASSESSMENT

Burglary and theft are crimes of “opportunity”. A door that is easy to open, a darkened house, an open window or garage door, these are seen as an open invitation for criminals. By thinking safety /security first and taking some simple steps to secure your home; you can reduce or even eliminate these “opportunities”. In doing so, you reduce the risk they present to your family and property. Upon completion of this survey you will have made a detailed check list of your security needs.

Begin the survey by going to the end of your block and then walking toward your home. Keep in mind that the criminal is looking for an opportunity to take some of your property or get into your home. Do you have tools, bikes, or other items sitting out? Is your garage door open? How about your windows or doors? Is the gate to your back yard closed/locked? Look at your neighbors property, do you provide more opportunities to criminals than your neighbor? Does your house appear more or less like an easy target. Remember that criminals are physiologically lazy and as such will take an easy “job” over a hard one every time. When you make it harder than somewhere else the criminal will by pass your house in preference for the easy one. Additionally the Queensland Police Service operate a crime prevention unit which will also assist you to determine your security requirements. As professionals who are constantly “at the coalface” so to speak we are well versed to provide you with both advice and service to make you feel safe and secure.

## Survey Instructions:

When completing the security survey, follow the listed order when possible. Keep in mind that there are a multitude of home floor plans and each home will be different. The listed items correspond with either a YES or NO and we would suggest you give take action to reduce the negatives. If an item is not included in the survey, write it in. When the survey is completed, use the items circled “NO” as a to do list.

## FRONT YARD

- |     |    |  |
|-----|----|--|
| YES | NO | Street numbers easily visible from the street  |
| YES | NO | Bushes, shrubs, and trees are pruned away from footpaths driveways, doors, windows, and gates to allow for good visibility |
| YES | NO | Limited or direct access to your yard  |
| YES | NO | Locks on gates, where applicable ( see “Other” section)  |
| YES | NO | Sensor lighting covers the entire front of the house and all hiding places   |

## **SIDE YARD**

- YES NO Lighting adequately covers each entrance
- YES NO Bushes, shrubs, and trees are pruned back or up to provide good visibility
- YES NO Fence and gates are secure ( see "Other" section)

## **BACK YARD**

- YES NO Lighting adequately covers each entrance
- YES NO Bushes, shrubs, and trees are pruned back or up to provide good visibility
- YES NO Fence and gates are secure ( see "Other" section)

## **DETACHED BUILDINGS** (garages, storage sheds, granny flats, etc.. )

- YES NO Locks on all doors
- YES NO Locks on all windows
- YES NO Lighting at all entrances including the Garage Door
- YES NO Garage door closed when not in use
- YES NO Operates properly
- YES NO Does your electric garage door opener have a secondary locking device
- YES NO Replaced the inside "up and down" button with a keyswitch or a codepad.
- YES NO Can you pull the emergency release rope on the Garage door mechanism from the outside with a long stick or wire.

## **SIDE DOOR TO GARAGE**

- YES NO Door construction is of solid wood or metal clad
- YES NO Deadlocks or Dead bolt lock with minimum 20mm throw
- YES NO Security strike plates
- YES NO Door jams secure
- YES NO Molding tight and secure
- YES NO Hinges (pins on inside or otherwise secured)
- YES NO Windows grilled or barred

## **WINDOWS ( ) Sliding ( ) Double Hung ( ) Casement ( ) Louver ( ) Hopper**

- YES NO Original lock is in good repair
- YES NO Auxiliary lock in place
- ( ) Pin lock
- ( ) Keyed lock (recommended)
- YES NO Anti-lift device (Screws etc in track above slider to prevent lift out)
- YES NO Toilet or other "small" windows secured and NOT overlooked.  
(many people overlook these small windows and many thefts occur as a result )

## **Patio Doors Single slider ( ) Double Slider ( )**

- Original lock in good repair ( cant be opened by lifting door up etc)
- Door fitted with safety strip to prevent impact injuries
- Auxiliary lock in place (patio bolt etc fitted to rear inside edge)

## **Glazing materials**

- YES NO Applies to windows throughout residence
- ( ) Normal window glass
- ( ) safety glass
- ( ) Lexan
- ( ) 3M security tint

### Exterior Doors

Door Construction and fittings

- YES NO ( ) Solid core (hardwood etc 35mm thick minimum)  
( ) Metal clad
- YES NO Deadlocks or Dead bolt lock with minimum 20mm throw
- YES NO Security strike plate for outward opening doors
- YES NO Strike plate secured with minimum of 2 screws-each 50mm long
- YES NO Door frame secure
- YES NO Molding tight and secure
- YES NO Hinges (pins on inside or otherwise secure)
- YES NO Wide angle peep hole with shield or flap

### OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS

- YES NO Automatic timers for lights, TVs, or radios
- YES NO Meter box and gates etc leading to them secured with Energex locks \*
- YES NO Roof difficult to access
- YES NO Skylights tiles and internal manhole secured where possible
- YES NO Emergency phone numbers displayed near each phone.

### Burglary Alarm Systems

- YES NO ( ) Monitored
- YES NO ( ) Locally

## Operation Identification

- YES NO Valuables marked with identifying number
- YES NO Property inventory completed (photos too)
- YES NO Valuables placed in an appropriately rated safe

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## Key Control

- YES NO Keys kept in a secure location when not being used
- YES NO Keep track of existing keys. Re-Key if house key is lost or stolen
- YES NO Emergency phone numbers displayed near each phone
- YES NO Keys given to trusted neighbor instead of being hidden outside

There are no guarantees, expressed or implied, with this assessment that will make your residence burglary proof, or that these recommendations will prevent any type of crime against property or persons from occurring on your property. However anything you do to reduce crime is a step in the right direction and finally any person who does nothing to prevent crime is encouraging it. I welcome your feedback and questions in relation to any topic contained in this website.

Sincerely yours

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