An important step in preventing home burglary and other crimes is to make sure that a residence is as secure as possible. A careful inspection by someone trained to observe security precautions can indicate features which would make entry easy — or difficult —for a prospective burglar.

Chances are good that home security can be improved. Take a hard look at entry points in your residence and determine what steps can reduce vulnerability.

A security inspection begins at the front door and goes on to include side and rear doors, windows, locks, lights, and landscaping. Checks in the orange column of this checklist indicate security weaknesses or hazards that require attention.

This survey may be used by law enforcement professionals or others trained in crime prevention. Neither the inspector, the local law enforcement agency, nor NSA have any liability to you other than to use our best judgment in this inspection and these recommendations.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you in the community's fight against crime. We urge you not only to take steps to make your own residence safer, but also to become active in a Neighborhood Watch program for the benefit of your entire community.

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   Yes ☐ No ☐

20. Is the exterior of the doorway lighted by at least a 40-watt bulb?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

21. Is doorway concealed from street or neighbors view by porch, fence, or landscaping?
   No ☐ Yes ☐

22. Does doorway have screen or storm door with adequate lock?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

23. If door is sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

24. Is a "charley-bar" or key-operated lock used on sliding glass door?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

ENTRANCES FROM GARAGE AND BASEMENT

25. Are all entrances to living quarters from garage and basement of metal or solid wood construction?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

26. Does door from garage to living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrance?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

27. Does door from basement to living quarters have an adequate lock operated from living quarters side?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS

28. Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

29. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

30. Do any windows open onto areas that offer special risk to burglary?
   No ☐ Yes ☐

31. If so, do these windows have security screens or grills?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

32. Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structure or landscaping?
   Yes ☐ No ☐

33. Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?
   Yes ☐ No ☐
### UPPER FLOOR WINDOWS

34. Do any upper floor windows open onto porch or garage roofs or roofs of adjoining buildings?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

35. If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

36. Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

37. Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

### BASEMENT DOORS AND WINDOWS

38. Is there a door from outside to the basement?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

39. If so, is that door adequately secured for an exterior door?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

40. Is outside basement entrance lighted by exterior light of at least 40 watts?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

41. Is outside basement door concealed from street or neighbors?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

42. Are all basement windows adequately secured against entrance?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

### GARAGE DOORS AND WINDOWS

43. Is automobile entrance door to garage equipped with adequate locking device?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

44. Is garage door kept closed and locked at all times?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

45. Are garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

46. Is outside utility entrance to garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

47. Are tools, ladders and other equipment kept in garage?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes

48. Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40-watt bulb?  
   - **Recommended:** Yes