

1a. Outdoor

	Front of Home	Side of Home	Back of Home
Entrances visible at night?			
Motion detectors?			
Anti-tamper covers?			

TIPS

- Install timers (both interior and exterior) to activate lights in your absence.
- Exterior lights should be protected by an **anti-tampering cover** and installed at least 8 feet from the ground to prevent tampering or breakage.
- **Front door lights should be left on at night.**
- **Motion detector lights should be installed on all sides of the home.**

Comments:

1b. Landscaping

	Front of Home	Side of Home	Back of Home
Shrubs trimmed down to 3ft?			
Trees trimmed down to 5 ft?			
Blocked views?			

TIPS

- There should be no landscaping or fences blocking views of doors or windows.
- All shrubs should be trimmed up to 5ft so there are no branches lower than 5ft up the tree trunk.
- Fences and gates need to allow for natural viewable sight lines from the street and/or neighbours (lattice fences and gate are recommended).
- **Gates should be sturdy and locked with a good padlock when not in use.**
- **Property should be free of graffiti and garbage.**

Comments:

1c. Exterior Storage Areas

Yes	No	
		Is the area well-lit and secure?
		Tools and ladders should be stored indoors and not accessible to burglars.
		Are sheds and storage areas locked using a good quality padlock?

Comments:

1d. Vehicles

Yes	No	
		Is the interior of the vehicle empty?
		Are all the doors locked?
		Does the vehicle have an alarm system in use?
		Is there a steering wheel lock in use?

TIPS

- Even items such as empty pop cans and spare change can entice someone to break into your vehicle. **Keep all items out of sight.**
- Garage door opener should not be stored in the vehicle.

Comments:

2. Home Interior

TIPS

- Join Block Watch
- Get to know your neighbours,
- *Have someone check on your home* when you are away for extended periods.
- *Have lights come on and off at different times.*
- Organise someone to remove papers and flyers from the driveway and entranceways.



2a. Exterior

	Front of Home	Side of Home	Back of Home
Deadbolt/Strike Plate/Door Reinforced?			
Glass adjacent to door lock reinforced?			
Peephole Installed?			

TIPS

- Exterior doors should have a good quality **deadbolt with a 1.5" throw** installed.
- Exterior doors should have a 6 to 8 inch long **strike plate** installed using 3" screws for maximum support.
- Exterior doors should have a **door reinforcer/door collar** installed.
- Exterior doors with glass adjacent to the door lock should be reinforced (window blocks, security film, etc.)
- Exterior doors should have a **180°** peephole installed.

Comments:

2b. Sliding Doors and Windows

	Sliding Door	Front of Home	Side of Home	Back of Home
Anti-lift Device				
Auxiliary Locks				
Wooden Stick				

TIPS

- Install **anti lift guards** (small L-shaped brackets) into the track above and below the closed sliding door to prevent the door from being lifted out of the frame.
- Install a **patio locking bar** at waist level if your patio door opens on the outside of the frame to prevent prying.
- If your patio door opens on the inside of the frame Install a **wooden stick to prevent prying**.
- Install a sliding window lock or use a piece of wood cut to fit snugly into the bottom track to prevent the window being forced open.
- To increase the usefulness of a sliding window lock, close the window, screw the sliding lock tight enough to leave a mark on the frame. Remove the lock and drill a small hole in the mark. Replace the sliding window lock into the new hole.
- Consider bars or window film for vulnerable windows but **ensure there is another escape route**.

Comments:

2c. Doors to garage

	Interior Door to Garage	Door to Garage
Dead Bolt/Strike Plate/Door Reinforcer Installed?		
Secondary Locks		
Windows Secure		

TIPS

- The internal door to the garage should have a good quality **deadbolt lock with a 1.5 throw** installed.

Comments:

3. Other Security Recommendations ..

Yes	No	N/A	
			Property Engraved with BC Driver's License?
			Hiding Place or safety deposit box for valuables?
			Emergency evacuation plan rehearsed?
			Pet entrance size not accessible by people?
			Are all emergency telephone numbers by the phone and up to date?

TIPS

- Consider engraving your BC Driver's License onto your property.
- Keep a record of make, model and serial number of your computer and electronic equipment take pictures of these items and keep them in a secure location. Make a second copy and leave with a relative or friend.
- Take a photo inventory of your home, take a picture of every wall in every room to show the contents of each room, including inside the kitchen cupboards, clothes closets, jewellery, clothes, linen closets, freezer and outdoor furniture and equipment. When photographing small objects lay a ruler next to the object to show scale. Make a copy of your photos and leave off site at work or with a relative or friend.

The above will help not only the police but your insurance company as well.

Notice of Disclaimer: The recommendations contained in the Home Security check, and any other comments or suggestions made in the course of the Home Security Check, do not guarantee the safety/and or the security of the inspected property. The individual(s) conducting the inspection, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are not responsible, in whole or in part, for injury, loss or damage suffered by anyone in or near the inspected property as a result of their use or reliance on the report and its recommendations.

Home Security Check Performed by (Signature)

Date

Time