

HOME SECURITY CHALLENGE

Six Nations Police Service

Is your home likely to attract a potential burglar?



Outside Home

Are there clear views of all windows and doors?

Yes No

The more private an area is, the more likely it is to attract the attention of a criminal. Trim trees and shrubs that block sight lines to your windows and doors.

During the evening is there visible interior or exterior lighting that gives the impression you are home, even if you are not?

Yes No

Install outside lighting to eliminate dark areas around doors or windows. Use motion lights.

Doors

Is there a convenient way of clearly seeing who is at your door without opening it?

Yes No

Every entrance door should have a convenient way of clearly seeing who is there without opening it. For most doors this will require installation of a peephole. Chain locks should not be used as a security device as they can easily be broken.

Do all of your exterior doors have a deadbolt?

Yes No

Criminals with tools easily defeat conventional key in the knob locks. Deadbolts should be installed on all exterior doors.

Sliding Doors

If you have a sliding door, do you have screws in the top of the track to prevent the door from being lifted out when they are in the closed and locked position?

Yes No

There is a 1' gap at the top of sliding doors, which allows them to be lifted in and out of their tracks. The addition of 3 flat headed wood screws in the upper track of the doors in the closed position will prevent criminals from lifting them out.

If you have a sliding door, do you have either a hockey stick in the bottom track or a security bar to prevent the door from opening?

Yes No

The standard locking pin on sliding doors can easily be broken. A snug fitting security bar or hockey stick should be added to the door to prevent it from being pried.

Windows

Do the sliding windows of your home have a pin, piece of wood in the track beside and above the window frame and a secondary

locking device?

Yes No

Most window locks are easily broken. Criminals target sliding windows because they are easy to jimmy open. To prevent quiet entry add one or more of the security measures listed above.

Garage Doors

Do you always close and lock your garage door?

Yes No

Thefts from garages are one of the most common yet easily prevented crimes. Keep garage doors closed and locked.

Neighbours

Do you know when your neighbours around you?

Yes No

When Away

When you are away from your home do you leave your lights on timers both inside and outside the home?

Yes No

Timers make a home look lived in and will potentially avoid leaving your home in darkness.

RESULTS

To see how you did on the Home Security Challenge, add up the number of "yes" answers and if answered yes,

10 out of 10... Great job securing your home!

9 out of 10... You're almost here

8 out of 10... You have some work to do

7 out of 10... Your home would benefit from security improvements.

0-6 out of 10... Your home is vulnerable...take action!

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