

Residential Security Appraisal

This self assessment form provides suggestions for improving the security of your home. They are based on the best current knowledge. You are encouraged to follow as many of the suggestions as you can.

Exterior of residence

1. **Street Number clearly displayed at front of residence?**
Essential services should be able to quickly find the house with the aid of bold reflective street numbers located in a prominent position.
2. **Letterbox secured?**
Mail should be kept secure to protect the householder's personal and financial details.
3. **Meter Box locked?**
The meter box can be locked with a Synergy approved lock to give them access. For further information contact Synergy on 131 353.
4. **Meter Box fitted with a viewing window?**
A viewing window allows authorised persons to read the meter in locked meter boxes.
5. **House is visible from the street?**
Trees and shrubs should be trimmed to eliminate hiding places.
Fences should not obscure the front of the residence from the street.
6. **Tools and implements secure and locked up?**
All tools should be securely locked away when not in use. Burglars can use them to enter into your house. Rock gardens and statues should be cemented in place.
7. **Gates/garage doors locked when not in use?**
Gates should be padlocked to prevent access to unauthorised persons. Garage doors should be locked when not in use.
8. **Garden sheds/workshops secured?**
Secure sheds and workshops with padlocks or quality key locks and lock/secure windows.
9. **Movement sensor lighting installed?**
Movement sensors should be installed at the front and side of the house to detect people approaching. Sensors should be high enough to avoid easy reach.

Structure of residence

- 10. Security/barrier door of adequate strength?**
The strongest screen door is one that meets or exceeds Australian Standards.
- 11. Front door is of solid construction and fitted with a deadlock?**
Rear door is of solid construction and fitted with a deadlock?
External doors should be solid core with a thickness of 38mm. These can be key locked from either side which prevents someone reaching through and unlocking the door.
- 12. Can visitors be identified without opening the front door?**
Peepholes and interview grills allow you to see who is there before opening the door.
- 13. Are anti-lift screws fitted to all sliding doors (windows)?**
Anti-lift screws can be fitted to reduce lifting of doors and windows.
- 14. Do all windows have key locks?**
Do not leave keys in window locks. Locks that use the same key are preferable, as this will reduce the likelihood of leaving a key in a lock that is specific to that lock. If windows need to be open for ventilation, lock them into position.
- 15. Are grills fitted to the opening windows and are they of adequate strength?**
People must be able to escape easily in case of fire. Grills should cover opening side of window only. If both sides are grilled, ensure smoke detectors are fitted.

Interior of residence

- 16. Alarm installed at the premises?**
If installed is the alarm:
Un-monitored (local audible)
- Self-monitored (phone modem)
- Monitored (monitoring station)
- Monitored alarms may incur an ongoing cost and in some cases, a fixed contract.
- 17. Smoke alarms installed?**
Smoke alarms can be battery operated or hardwire. They can be used together with a monitored alarm for Fire Department response.

Marking of Valuables

- 18. Are valuables and tools marked for identification?**
Valuables and tools should be marked or engraved with information that will allow identification. Engraving and other identification technology is available. Marked property deters burglars and assists Police identify the owner.
- 19. Is the householder a member of Neighbourhood Watch?**
Neighbourhood Watch can assist with engraving facilities.
- 20. Have serial numbers of valuables and power tools been recorded?**

Keep an inventory of all valuables. Remember that a list on your computer is no good if the burglars steal that too.

21. Have expensive items, such as jewellery, been photographed for identification?

This will help police return your property to you.

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