

# Your Complete Home Security Checklist

## Secure your doors

- Install a deadbolt on your main entry points.
- Upgrade to smart locks. *(No keys needed!)*
- Boost security with a video doorbell. *(Allows you to easily monitor visitors to your property from your smartphone.)*
- Reinforce sliding glass doors with window bars or dowels in the tracks.

## Secure your windows

- Add window locks.
- Walk around the outside of your property, think like a burglar *(ie: Where could you easily gain access?)*
- What can be seen inside? Do you need to install blinds or privacy/security film?
- Plant prickly/tough bushes under first floor windows.

## Secure yourself some peace of mind

- Get a feel for your neighbourhood. Go on, introduce yourself to the neighbours!
- Find a BETTER place for your spare key. *Get creative! (Or better still, leave a spare at a different property.)*
- Get a home safety evaluation of your home from a professional locksmith or security firm.
- Check out your home security options *(DIY systems eg: Camera linked to your phone).*
- Look into automating your home – lights, TV etc switch on with Alexa or similar software.

### Did you know?

Adding a security system can increase your home's value in the long run while protecting you from costly burglaries. Many insurance firms will even offer a discount on your home insurance for having one.

## Light up your landscape

- Use motion-activated lights or put outdoor lights on a timer.
- Save energy with solar-powered lights on paths and shadowy areas.
- Check your landscaping for hiding spots.
- Clear or prune large trees and shrubs.
- Keep entry points visible from the street.

### Pro tip

Excited to be heading away on holiday? We get it! But try not to advertise it on your social media while you're away. This information could be used to target your property.

## Protect your possessions

- Sign up on the SNAP website – [www.snap.org.nz](http://www.snap.org.nz) – an initiative in conjunction with NZ Police. Allows you to keep a secure register of serial numbers on all high value/electronic items you own.
- Engrave your phone number or even just your initials onto high-value items.
- Don't forget about expensive gear outside eg: BBQ, bikes, power tools. Make sure you keep these locked away when not in use.

## Garage safety checklist

- Whenever possible, park your car in the garage, with the door shut.
- Use a smart garage door opener or automatic garage door closers and locks.
- Secure ladders and tools inside your shed – don't make it easy for a burglar!
- Cover windows with blinds or privacy film so contents are not seen.
- Protect your service entry and internal access doors with good locks as well.

## Notes about my property

Use this space to record emergency contacts, neighbours' contact details or other notes about security...

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This checklist is designed to walk you through some basic checkpoints to ensure your property remains safe and sound from damage, loss or theft.

**However, should the unthinkable happen and you find yourself in need of our support, please call us 24/7 on 0800 842 846.**