

Home Security Checklist

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Exterior Doors

	Yes	No
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house—even if it’s just for a few minutes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Garage and Sliding Door Security

The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Protecting Windows

Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outdoor Security

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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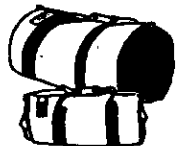
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Grab 'n Go Bags

Have a Grab 'n Go Bag for each person in the house and attach it to the bed.



Adult

- Flashlight, batteries, and light sticks
- Portable radio and batteries
- Keys (house and car)
- Money (coins and bills)
- Glasses, contacts lenses and solutions
- Medications (at least one-week supply)
- Comfortable shoes, two pairs of socks
- Comfortable clothing (sweats, extra underwear)
- Jacket, cap or hat
- Whistle (call for help if trapped)
- Pocket knife
- Watch or clock
- Paper and pencil
- "Okay" and "Help" signs (provided by CERT)
- Emergency phone list, out-of-state contact #
- Lists of people to notify if you are injured
- Copies of important documents: insurance, identification, social security, etc.
- Small first aid kit
- Sunscreen
- Toilet articles: comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, washcloth, face towel, shampoo, lotion, razor, lip balm, emery board, nail clipper, sanitary products, tissue, etc.
- Toilet paper
- Zip-lock bags, plastic grocery bags
- Good book, playing cards, crossword puzzles
- Work gloves, several pairs of latex gloves
- Lightweight blanket
- Plastic ground cloth
- Emergency tent
- Hard hat
- Dust mask (two)
- Hammer and folding shovel
- Crow bar (may need to remove debris)
- Rope
- Drinking water – store in a separate place (minimum one gallon per person)
- Snacks (granola bars, trail mix, peanut butter)



Seniors or Disabled

These items are in addition to the Adult Grab 'n Go Bag.

- Food for special diet needs
- Batteries for hearing aids, wheelchair, etc.
- List of style and serial # of medical devices
- Special supplies: oxygen, catheters, etc.
- Prescriptions for eyeglasses (not older than one year)
- Personal sanitary items (Depends, disposable bags, ties, wipes)
- For guide dogs see Pet Grab 'n Go Bag.



Infants and Toddlers

These items are in addition to the Adult Grab 'n Go Bag.

- Formula, disposable bottles, nipples
- Diapers and wipes
- Instant baby cereal
- Bowl and spoon
- Sunscreen
- At least two changes of clothes
- Light jacket
- Thermometer
- Medicine dropper
- Pedialyte, electrolyte replacement solution
- Tylenol, Triaminic and other medications
- Firm soled slippers or shoes
- Toys, books, stuffed animals
- Authorization to Consent to Treatment of Minor Form, completed

Pet Grab 'n Go Bag

Keep your Pet Grab 'n Go Bag in an easily accessible location near your own emergency supplies.



- Food, water – 3-day supply for each pet
- Bowls - non-spillable
- Collar and leash -for dogs and cats
- Muzzle
- Poop scooper, bags
- Treats, toy
- Blanket, towel, or newspaper for warmth

- ID tag should always be on pet
- Extra name tag
- License number
- Pet carrier or crate for each pet labeled with pet and owner's information (keep near your bag).
- Name, address and phone number of veterinarian, animal control agency and shelters.
- People to contact to take care of the animal
- Vaccination and medical records. Keep inoculations current. In an emergency pets may come in contact with diseased animals.
- Allergy or other special instructions

Pet First Aid Kit

- Scissors
- Gauze pads
- Wipes
- Instant cold pack
- Adhesive tape
- Tweezers
- Soap
- Antiseptic cream
- Eye drops

Car Emergency Kit

- Water
- Food (canned, dehydrated, snacks)
- Sweater or jacket, extra clothing
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Money (coins and bills)
- Flashlight (extra batteries)
- Blanket
- First Aid Kit (bandages, gauze, etc.)
- Pocket knife
- Matches (waterproof)
- Flares
- Fire extinguisher
- Work gloves
- Jumper cables
- Pencil and paper
- Tools (screwdriver, pliers, wire, crowbar, rope, etc.)
- Emergency phone numbers, including your contact person
- Maps of your most often traveled routes
- Personal items – eyeglasses, toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, tissues, hand wipes, toilet tissue, etc.
- Special needs – medication, diapers, infant formula, etc.
- Favorite book, crossword puzzles or games

