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How To Burglar-Proof Your Doors

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The majority of devices mentioned in this report cost very little. All of them will help reduce burglary and make your house or apartment more secure.

Begin with a home "security" check. Start with the front door and work clockwise around the entire inside of your home, finishing with the back yard, fence and shrubs, gates and garage.

Shrubby should never block the view of your front door. This allows an intruder the opportunity of privacy to gain entrance. A wide angle viewer in the door lets you know your visitor in advance. This item is recommended over a chain lock.

LOCKS, BOLTS AND HINGES – A DEAD-LATCH is an inexpensive lock set which keeps the burglar from simply slipping your door open with a plastic credit card. This method of entry is common in many areas, but very easy to prevent.

AUXILIARY DEADBOLT: 1" deadbolt, single cylinder with hardened cylinder guard, and thumb turn.

For extra security, a single cylinder dead bolt lock, with one inch throw and case-hardened insert, is recommended for all exterior doors. If you have easily breakable glass within 40 inches of a deadbolt lock, it should be augmented with a stronger type of glass or plastic to provide adequate security.

Most police departments do not recommend deadbolt locks for residential use. You may be adding additional security at the expense of personal safety with a double cylinder dead bolt. For example, you could lock yourself in and not be able to escape in case of fire or other emergency.

THE RIM LOCK is a 1" dead bolt lock which is installed on the inside surface of the door. It is less expensive than other types of locks, but equally effective for security.

THE "JIMMY-PROOF" RIM LOCK is another lock which is installed on the inside surface of the door. But this lock has vertical dead bolts, which is an approved locking device.

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CANE BOLTS: 1/2" in diameter by 12" high installed at the top & bottom of the inactive door offers minimum security. Many homes with pairs of doors, use half-barrel slide bolts on the inactive door. These are weak and totally inadequate.

FLUSH BOLTS: Installed at the top and bottom of the inactive door or a pair of doors, flush bolts offer additional security, since the intruder cannot get at these devices to tamper with them if the doors are locked.

HINGE PROTECTION: Some exterior doors are improperly installed so that the hinges are installed from outside. To protect such a door from being lifted from its hinges by pulling the hinge pin, follow these simple steps: (1) Remove two screws, opposite each other, from both leaves of the hinge. (2) Insert screw or concrete nail into jamb leaf, protruding 1/2". (3) Drill out the opposing screw hole in

the door. Do this in the top and bottom hinge of the door. When closed, the hinge pins may be removed, but the door will remain firmly in place.

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Home Areas That Are At Risk And Need Protection

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Many dangers threaten your home, but there are steps you can take to help protect your home and lessen the threat. Some areas of your home are more at risk than others, and by identifying those and implementing security measures, you can improve the overall security level of your house.

The doors and windows are the logical weak spots for your home. Insecure locks or a weak door will allow a burglar an easy way inside your home. So a basic safety precaution you can take is to make sure you install good sturdy locks on your doors and make sure the doors themselves are strong and secure.

The windows are an obvious danger since they are made of glass. Since the first floor is easier to access, it is generally the first floor windows that need to be considered for a safety overhaul. One thing you can do is install enforced glass which is very hard to break, much harder than regular glass. You can also install a double layer of glass which makes it harder to break; this will also double as added insulation to keep energy costs down. Check that the locks on your windows are sturdy and hard to open and make sure they are in the locked position. Consider installing a motion detector by your doors and windows as a deterrent.

If you have sliding glass doors make sure they cannot be pushed off the track in order for a burglar to gain access.

Next you want to consider your garage. A burglar may break into your garage and then attempt to enter your house. Be sure your garage is secure. Follow the advice above for making sure the doors and windows in the garage are secure. The door leading from the garage to inside your home should be enforced and has good locks. Make sure to include your garage in your home alarm system and include motion detectors.

Another good idea is to check for ways a robber might get onto your second floor. If you have a ladder, make sure it is locked in the shed when not in use. If you have a trellis, you may want to remove it. Don't make it easy for someone to climb up to your second story windows. You should also protect your windows as was discussed above in case a burglar does try to break into your house by coming down from the roof into the second story.

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