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OUTSIDE

- Shrubs and trees should not create blind spots or hiding spots
- Walkways and landscaping should direct visitors to the proper entrance and away from private areas
- Exterior doors should be visible from the street and by the neighbours
- Sidewalks, doorways and the yard should be well lit, including those dark side areas

DOORS

- Exterior doors are recommended to be solid core, 4.5 cm thick with 180° peephole.
- Door frames should be solid
- Door frames should have a proper security strike plate
- Avoid hollow-core and glass doors
- Never open a door unless you know who is on the outside

GLASS PANELS

If your home has a window within one metre of an exterior door lock, install either security window film, or else a tough, clear, unbreakable plastic window that is mar-resistant.

WINDOWS

- Install high-quality locks
- Use a "Charlie bar", a length of wood laid in the track of sliding windows and doors to prevent them from opening
- Put a metal screw or pin in the top track of the window to prevent the sliding window or door from being lifted out
- Basement windows are common entry points
 - Make sure they are well lit, easy to observe, and have window film or decorative security bars. Window bars need to be easy to open from the inside
 - If the windows are never used, permanently secure them

LOCKS

- Deadbolts are generally recommended
- Talk to your locksmith about many options
- Use a three-inch screw to install lock components

FIREARMS

- Store firearms and ammunition as required under the Firearms Act.
- Visible firearms are tempting and a good security measure is to keep them out of sight

COMPUTERS

Keep them away from the window

SAFE ROOM

If you want to have a safe room in your house where you can go if you have an intruder, it should be a room that locks, has a phone, and if it is on the second level, has a ladder that hooks and drops close to the ground.

TELEPHONE SAFETY

- Never give your name, number or address to anyone you do not know
- Never give any banking or personal information over the phone
- Your phone company can permanently block your identity on call displays
- You can prevent your number from being displayed by pressing *67 prior to making a call
- You can press *57 immediately after hanging up to trace the call
- Contact your phone company for more information

VALUABLE ITEMS/PROPERTY

Be sure to describe and record all your valuable property.

Identify all property with your driver's license or something similar. Do not use your social insurance number. Photograph small items with a photo. Videotape the contents of your house and put the tape in a safety deposit box. Place a decal or sign in your window that all items are marked for identification.

GARAGE

Keep curtains over the windows
Use solid doors with deadbolts and/or padlocks
Lock up even when you are at home
Customize your garage door opener so only you can open it

VACATION

Stop all deliveries
Advise your neighbours
Set timers on lights and radios
Have someone take care of your yard



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Residential Security

Thieves and vandals often choose to prey on people who look the easiest to victimize!