



Salisbury Police Department

Home Security Inspection Checklist

An important step in preventing home burglary and other crimes is to make sure that a residence is as secure as possible. A careful inspection by someone trained to observe security precautions can indicate features which would make entry easy – or difficult – for a prospective burglar.

The Salisbury Police Department appreciates the opportunity to be of assistance to you in our community’s fight against crime. We urge you not only to take steps to make your own residence safer, but also to become active in your Neighborhood Watch program for the benefit of your entire community. This guide will assist you in your efforts to keep your home safe.

The Salisbury Police Department is not liable for any burglary to your home. These are simple suggestions that may be helpful to you in preventing crime to your residence. It is the homeowner’s responsibility to secure their home and belongings.

<u>Front Entrance</u>	Yes	No	Recommendations
1. Are all exterior doors of metal or solid wood construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Are all door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Are exterior doors free of windows or other openings (mail slot, pet door) within 40 inches of the lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Is door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screw?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. If there are no windows in door, is there a wide-angle viewer or voice intercom device?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
8. Are all screen or storm doors secured with adequate locks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
9. Are all entries well-lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
10. Can front entrance be observed from street or public areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
11. Are porch and landscaping free of concealment from street or public view?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
12. Is shrubbery trimmed for visibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
13. Are address numbers a minimum of 4 inches in height?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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| 14. Are address numbers clearly visible from the street and well-lit for visibility at night? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 15. Are all door locks adequate and in good working order? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 16. Is your mailbox securable with a locking mechanism so that strangers cannot remove your mail? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

Side or Read Entrance

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| 17. Are all exterior doors of metal or solid wood construction? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 18. Are all door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 19. Are door hinges protected from removal from outside? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 20. Are exterior doors free of windows or other openings (mail slot, pet door) within 40 inches of the lock? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 21. Is door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 22. Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screw? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 23. Is the exterior of the doorway well-lighted? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 24. Are all doorways clear of obstruction from street or neighbors view (i.e. porch, fence, or landscaping)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 25. Does doorway have screen or storm door with adequate lock? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 26. If door is sliding glass, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 27. Is a "charley-bar" or key-operated locked used on sliding door? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 28. If your house has an alley, are address numbers posted facing the alley, at a minimum of 4-inches in height? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

Ground Floor Windows

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| 29. Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 30. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 31. Are all windows clear of areas that offer special risk to burglary? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 32. If not, do these windows have security screens or grills? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| 33. Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structure or landscaping? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

Yes No Recommendations

34. Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas? _____

35. Can your front windows be seen from the street? _____

Upper Floor Windows

36. Are all upper floor windows far away from porch or garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings, to prevent access? _____

37. If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level? _____

38. Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows? _____

39. Are all ladders stored securely so they are not accessible? _____

Inside the House

40. Are timers used to simulate normal activities in the house? _____

41. Have you engraved or photographed your personal property? _____

42. Is the circuit box locked or secured? _____

Garage

43. Is the automobile-entrance door to the garage equipped with an adequate locking device? _____

44. Is garage door kept closed and locked at all times? _____

45. Are all garage windows secured adequately? _____

46. Is outside utility entrance to garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance? _____

47. Are all garage entrances well-lighted on the outside? _____

48. Are all entrances to living quarters from garage of metal or solid wood construction? _____

49. Does the door from the garage to inside the house have adequate locks? _____

Home alarm

50. Do you have an alarm system? _____

51. Are all doors and windows alarmed? _____

52. Is there a motion sensor inside the house? _____

Yes No Recommendations

53. Are alarm system warning signs and stickers displayed?
(Even if there is no alarm system) _____

54. Does the police department have current emergency contact information? _____

55. Do you keep your hide-a-key in a lockbox? _____

Gates

56. Are all gate latches 40 inches below the top of the gate and secured with through bolts with rounded edges and with high-security padlocks? _____