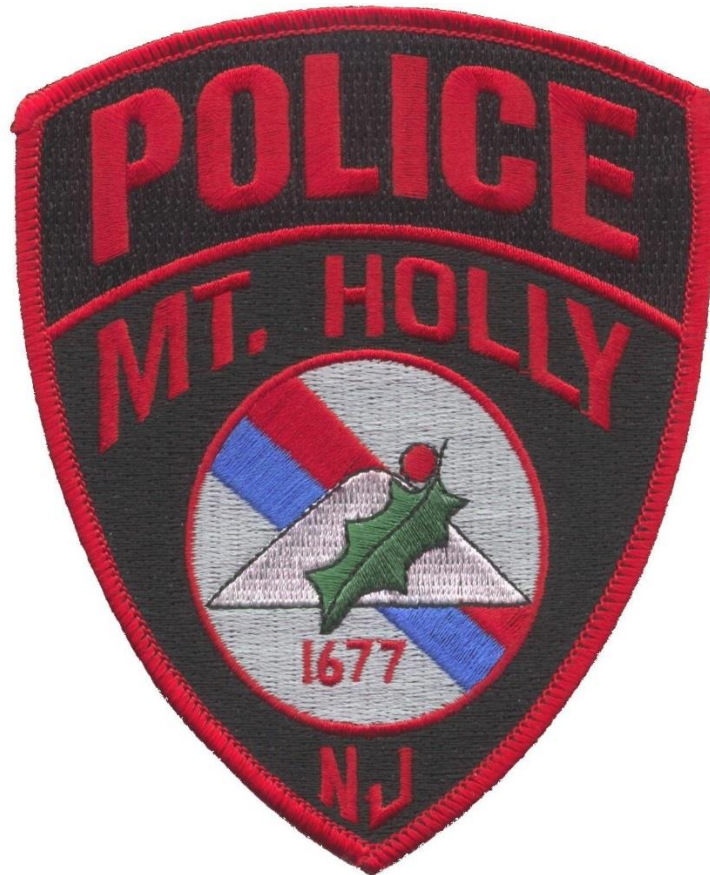


*Mount Holly Township Police Department
Home Security Assessment Checklist*





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Burglary and theft are crimes of opportunity. A door that is easy to open, a dark house, or an open window or garage door, are seen as opportunities by criminals. By thinking safety / security first, and taking some simple steps to secure your home, you can reduce these opportunities. In doing so, you reduce the risk they present to your family and property. Upon completion of this survey you will have made a detailed check list of your security needs. Begin the survey by going to the end of your block and then walking toward your home. Keep in mind that the criminal is looking for an opportunity to commit a crime, to take some of your property or get into your home. Do you have tools, bikes, or other items sitting out? Is our garage door open? How about your windows and doors? Is the gate to your back yard closed / locked? Look at your neighbor's property, do you provide more opportunities to criminals than your neighbor? Does it look like you take good care of your property or will the criminal think you may be an easy target?

Survey Instructions:

When completing the security survey, follow the listed order when possible. Keep in mind that there are a multitude of home floor plans and each home will be different. The listed items correspond with the **OK** and **NI** (needs improvement). If an item isn't included in the survey, write it in. When the survey is completed, use the items checked **NI** as a to-do list

FRONT YARD		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Street numbers easily visible from street
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Bushes, shrubs, and trees must be pruned away from sidewalks, driveways, doors, windows and gates to allow for good visibility
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Limited or direct access to your yard
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Locks on gates, where applicable
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting covers the entire front of the house and all hiding places

SIDE YARD		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting adequately covers each entrance
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Bushes, shrubs and trees are pruned back or up to provide good visibility
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Fence and gates are secure



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BACK YARD		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting adequately covers each entrance
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Bushes, shrubs and trees are pruned back or up to provide good visibility
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Fence and gates are secure

DETACHED BUILDINGS		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Locks on all doors
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Locks on all windows
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Lighting at all entrances

GARAGE DOOR		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Keep garage door closed when not in use
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Operates properly
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Has internal lock
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	If you have electric garage door opener, have a secondary locking device to be used when door is closed

SIDE DOOR TO GARARGE		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Door construction is of solid wood or metal clad
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Has dead bolt lock with a minimum one (1) inch throw security strike plates
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Door jams secure
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Molding tight and secure
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Hinges (pins on inside or otherwise secured)
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Window (not recommended)



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WINDOWS () Slider () Double Hung () Crank () Louver		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Original lock in good repair
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Auxiliary lock in place () Pin Lock () Keyed lock (recommended)
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Anti-lift device (Screws in track above slider to prevent lift out)

GLAZING MATERIALS		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Applies to windows throughout residence () Normal window glass () Tempered glass () Plastic () Lexan

EXTERIOR DOORS		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Door construction () Solid core (hardwood 1 3/4" inches thickness) () Metal clad
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Dead bolt lock with minimum 1" inch throw
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Security strike plate
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Strike plate secured with minimum of 4 screws-each 3"
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	inches long
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Door frame secure
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Molding tight and secure
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Hinges (pins on inside or otherwise secure)
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Wide angle peep hole



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OTHER / MISCELLANEOUS		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Automatic timers for lights, televisions or radios
Burglary Alarm Systems		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	() Monitored (recommended) () Locally (recommended) () Out of state () Not monitored • Audible alarms preferable
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency phone numbers by each phone
Operations Identification		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Valuables marked with identifying number
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Property inventory completed
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Valuables placed in safe
Key Control		
OK <input type="checkbox"/>	NI <input type="checkbox"/>	Keep track of existing keys. Re-key if house key is lost or stolen

There are no guarantees, expressed or implied, with this assessment that will make your residence burglary proof, or that these recommendations will prevent any type of crime against property or persons from occurring on your property.