



CPTED Home Security Checklist

This is a guide to evaluate your home's security, based on the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). Crime prevention is a matter of balancing risk and choices, based on what is practical and what we know about criminal behavior.

This Crime Prevention Survey was developed as a courtesy for you by the City of Port Alberni Community Policing Section. It does not address code violations or other safety issues. While every effort has been made to incorporate reasonable means to reduce the opportunities for criminal activities to occur, there is no expressed or implied guarantee that no criminal activity will take place if these suggestions are implemented. The recommendations for improvement are based on CPTED principles which are widely accepted in the security, law enforcement and architectural fields.

Exterior Doors:	Yes	No	N/A
All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house - even if it's just for a few minutes.			
Doors and frames are solid hardwood or metal.			
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.			
If there are glass panels in or near doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.			
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door (1" throw, 3" screws).			
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor or family member, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.			
The locks were changed when you moved in.			
Entry points can be seen from public areas.			

Garage and Sliding Door:	Yes	No	N/A
The door and frame leading into the home from the garage is solid wood or metal and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.			
The overhead garage door has a lock so that you do not rely solely on the automatic garage door opener to provide security.			
Garage doors are all locked when you leave the house.			
The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock.			
A dowel or a pin to secure the sliding glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.			
The sliding glass door is locked every night and each time you leave the house.			

Protecting Windows:	Yes	No	N/A
Every window in the home has a working lock.			
Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.			

Outdoor Security:	Yes	No	N/A

Shrubs / bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide (3' down/7' up).			
There are no dark areas around your house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.			
Inhospitable plants or landscaping material can be used to discourage prowlers.			
Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.			
Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.			
Outdoor lights are on in the evening whether someone is home or not or a photocell and motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.			
The house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.			
The property is clean and clear of debris.			

Security When Away From Home:	Yes	No	N/A
At least two light timers are set to turn the lights, t.v. or radio on and off in a logical sequence when you are away from home for an extended time period.			
The motion detector or other alarm system (if you have one) is activated when you leave home.			
Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up are made when you go away from home for a period of time.			
A neighbor or family member is asked to watch your home when you are away.			

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property:	Yes	No	N/A
Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks after every use.			
Grills, lawn mowers, bicycles and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view and securely locked to a stationary point.			
Firearms are stored unloaded, locked away and secured per safety regulations.			
Serial numbers of valuable items, such as television, stereos, and computers have recorded.			
Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures of items that don't have serial numbers. A complete copy is kept somewhere out of the house or securely on line for <u>easy access.</u>			

Comments and notes:

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.) Video tips on Youtube:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcKXZtPXANcruAdyWOrXnHqQ3DdG_hcd7

