

# Home Defense Analysis

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1. \_\_\_\_ Are all exterior doors solid wood or metal?
2. \_\_\_\_ Do all exterior doors have a deadbolt with a one-inch throw bolt?
3. \_\_\_\_ Does exterior doors use a heavy duty strike plate with three-inch wood screws?
4. \_\_\_\_ Does the strike plate have a minimum of four screws in it?
5. \_\_\_\_ Do the door hinges have two to three inch screws that are fully threaded?
6. \_\_\_\_ Does the front door have a peephole?
7. \_\_\_\_ Is anything covering the peephole?
8. \_\_\_\_ Does the front door have a mail slot?
9. \_\_\_\_ Do you have quality locks on the front door such as Medeco or Schlage?
10. \_\_\_\_ Is glass within three-feet of the backdoor or a side door to the garage?
11. \_\_\_\_ Do all sliding glass doors have a wooden dowel in the track to prevent opening?
12. \_\_\_\_ Does the sliding glass door have a key lock?
13. \_\_\_\_ When is the last time you changed your locks?
14. \_\_\_\_ Have you lost any keys to the house?
15. \_\_\_\_ Are the keys ever left lying around the house where a child's friend, or house cleaner or someone else could swipe a key?
16. \_\_\_\_ Is there a hidden key stored anywhere outside?
17. \_\_\_\_ Is there a key given to the neighbor?
18. \_\_\_\_ Are any keys on your key ring marked? (Such as with the word "home")
19. \_\_\_\_ Can you make a list of everyone who has a key to your house? (Have your children or spouse given keys to other people?)
20. \_\_\_\_ Do you own a dog for protection?

21. \_\_\_ Do you have a pet door entrance anywhere?
22. \_\_\_ Do you have a dog bowl at the back entrance to your house?
23. \_\_\_ Are all of the windows throughout the entire house locked?
24. \_\_\_ Do the windows have shock sensors on them?
25. \_\_\_ Do the windows have key locks on them?
26. \_\_\_ Do the windows have entry sensors on them?
26. \_\_\_ Do all of the windows have curtains so people can't see into the house?
27. \_\_\_ Are there any trees or fences or other means of easily accessing the second floor windows?
28. \_\_\_ Are there any large bushes near the front door?
29. \_\_\_ Is there anything at all near the front door where a burglar could hide?
30. \_\_\_ Are prickly bushes planted below the lower level windows? (Such as golden raspberry or black raspberry bush.)
31. \_\_\_ Are there bushes or items around the windows where someone could hide?
32. \_\_\_ Is the lawn mowed and house properly taken care of so that it gives the appearance someone lives in it?
33. \_\_\_ Are there any tools or ladders left outside, which a burglar could use to gain access to the house?
34. \_\_\_ Are sheds or outbuildings securely locked with a padlock or other device?
35. \_\_\_ Is the house number clearly displayed near the front door so police and fire can easily find the house in case of an emergency?
36. \_\_\_ Is the house number clearly displayed on the mailbox with reflective numbers?
37. \_\_\_ Is your last name on your mailbox or displayed anywhere on the outside of your house? (Not a good idea, criminals can call directory assistance and find out if you're home.)
38. \_\_\_ Are multiple lights in the house set on automatic timers?

39. \_\_\_\_ Is the TV or radio set on automatic timers for when you're out of town?
40. \_\_\_\_ At night, is there ample lighting at the front door to identify all visitors?
41. \_\_\_\_ Is there ample lighting all around the house, for all entrances of the house and around windows?
42. \_\_\_\_ Are the exterior lights on timers? Do they go on at 6pm every day and shut off at 6am in the morning?
43. \_\_\_\_ Do you ever leave your lights on 24/7 when you go on vacation?
43. \_\_\_\_ Is all exterior lighting high and out of reach of a potential burglar?
44. \_\_\_\_ If you choose not to leave back yard lights on all night, do you have infrared-motion sensor lights for the back of the house?
45. \_\_\_\_ Do you always close your garage door even when you are home?
46. \_\_\_\_ Does your garage or garage door have any windows?
46. \_\_\_\_ Is the door leading to the garage a solid door with a deadbolt? Is the deadbolt always used even when you're at home?
47. \_\_\_\_ When the garage door is opened does a light automatically come on?
49. \_\_\_\_ Do you leave your garage door opener in your car at night when the car is parked in your driveway?
50. \_\_\_\_ If you have a keypad for the garage door, who knows the code besides you?
51. \_\_\_\_ When is the last time you changed the code on the keypad for your garage door?
52. \_\_\_\_ Do you leave a spare house key in your car at night in the driveway?
53. \_\_\_\_ Do you have an alarm system?
54. \_\_\_\_ Does the alarm system have entry sensors for all windows and doors, plus motion sensors?
55. \_\_\_\_ Do you have a driveway alarm?
56. \_\_\_\_ Do you use a door stopper alarm at the very least?
55. \_\_\_\_ Do you have a home security sign or a window decal on your back yard entrance and your sliding glass door?

58. \_\_\_\_ Do you always remember to set the alarm even to run to the store for just a few minutes? Do you remember to set it when you are home?
59. \_\_\_\_ Who knows the code to your alarm system besides you?
60. \_\_\_\_ When is the last time you changed the code on your alarm system?
62. \_\_\_\_ Does the alarm system include security cameras? Do you at least have fake cameras on your front and back entrance?
69. \_\_\_\_ Are there smoke detectors on every level of the house and do they work?
70. \_\_\_\_ Is there a fire extinguisher in the kitchen?
71. \_\_\_\_ Are valuable documents stored in a fireproof safe?
72. \_\_\_\_ Do you have emergency cash stored in the safe?
75. \_\_\_\_ If someone visits your house, such as a plumber, are there valuables laying around the house revealing you have money?
77. \_\_\_\_ Are valuables photographed for insurance purposes?
78. \_\_\_\_ Do you leave any valuable information inside your car at night or during the day, which tells people details about your home and family?
80. \_\_\_\_ When you go on vacation do you leave any signs at all? (An answering machine, a facebook message, the newspaper piling up on the front door.)
81. \_\_\_\_ When you go on vacation do you have lights on timers that turn on in different areas of the house? (A light in the kitchen and one in the upstairs hallway.)
82. \_\_\_\_ When you go on vacation do you padlock the latch on your garage door?
82. \_\_\_\_ Do you have a firearm stored in the house and are you properly trained? Have you attended the *Shoot House Boot Camp*? ([www.ShootHouseBootCamp.com](http://www.ShootHouseBootCamp.com))
83. \_\_\_\_ Have you created a home defense plan for your family and have you practiced this plan?
84. \_\_\_\_ Do you have a firearm stored on each level of the house?

86. \_\_\_\_ Does each member of the family know how to operate every single gun that you own?
87. \_\_\_\_ Are all of the firearms stored in a rapid access safe?
88. \_\_\_\_ Do you always keep your home defense gun loaded with a round in the chamber?
89. \_\_\_\_ Do you have an extra magazine, fully loaded with the gun?
90. \_\_\_\_ Are you using jacketed hollow point self defense ammunition? (Such as Cor-Bon, Speer Gold Dot, Federal Hydrashok)
92. \_\_\_\_ Do you have a flashlight with the gun, such as a SureFire?
93. \_\_\_\_ Do you have a weapon mounted light?
94. \_\_\_\_ Do you have a laser for your gun?
94. \_\_\_\_ Have you practiced how long it will take you to access the gun, if you are suddenly awoken in the middle of the night?
95. \_\_\_\_ Do you have a designated safe room?
96. \_\_\_\_ Does the safe room have a solid core door?
97. \_\_\_\_ Does the safe room have a deadbolt and use three inch screws?
98. \_\_\_\_ Does the safe room have a peephole?
99. \_\_\_\_ Does the safe room have the following items: a cell phone to call the police, a 72-hour kit with first aid, a flashlight, a firearm with plenty of ammunition, a set of house keys, a glow stick (to throw your keys to the police out the window), a knife.
100. \_\_\_\_ What area of the safe room will everyone gather in?
101. \_\_\_\_ Does the safe room provide cover in case someone comes through the door?
102. \_\_\_\_ If you have to shoot someone coming into the safe room, where will the bullet likely go?
104. \_\_\_\_ Do you have a baby gate on the stairs?
105. \_\_\_\_ Do you have an air horn?

106. \_\_\_\_ Do you know what to do if you have to shoot someone in self-defense? Are you a member of the Personal Protection Alliance? ([www.AllianceLiberty.com](http://www.AllianceLiberty.com))

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