

The Bozeman Police Department encourages every homeowner to make sure their residence is secure.

This checklist will help you determine your home security strengths and weaknesses. The checklist begins outside your home and progresses to the interior.

You will find there is always room for security improvement!



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Home Security Checklist



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Exterior—Front Entrance

1. Is the door itself made of metal or solid wood construction?
2. Is the door secured by a deadbolt lock?
3. Are door hinges protected from removal from the outside?
4. Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?
5. Can the lock mechanism be reached through a mail slot or pet entrance?
6. Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?
7. Is the exterior or front entrance well lit?
8. Can the front entrance be observed from the street?
9. Does the porch or landscaping offer concealment from the street?
10. Does the front entrance have a peephole?

Side or Rear Entrance

11. Is the door made of metal or solid wood construction?
12. Is the doorframe strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing?
13. Are the door hinges protected from removal from the outside?

14. Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?
15. Is the door secured by a deadbolt lock?
16. Are the strike plates properly installed or in good working condition?
17. Can the lock mechanism be reached from outside through a mail slot or pet entrance?
18. Is the exterior well illuminated?
19. If the door is a sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?
20. Is there a “Charley-bar” or key operated lock used on the sliding door?
21. Is the door concealed from the street or neighbors view by a porch, fence, or landscaping?

Ground Floor Windows

22. Do all the windows have adequate locks in good operating conditions?
23. Do the windows have screens that lock from the outside?
24. Do any of the windows open to areas that are at risk to burglary?

Upper Floor Windows

25. Do any of the upper floor windows open onto the porch or garage roof?
26. If so, are they secured adequately?
27. Are trees and bushes trimmed back from the upper floor windows?
28. Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?

Basement Doors and Windows

29. Is there a door from the outside to the basement?
30. If so, is that door as secured as an exterior door?
31. Is the outside basement entrance adequately illuminated?
32. Is the outside door concealed from the street or the neighbors?
33. Are all the basement windows secured against entrance?

Garage Doors and Windows

34. Is the automobile door equipped with an adequate locking device?
35. Is the garage door kept closed and locked at all times?
36. Are the garage windows secured adequately?
37. Are all garage doors properly secured?