Personal Home Security Checklist

DOORS:
- Does door have 180° peephole.
- Are locks that can be opened from inside at least 40 inches from glass?
- Are entrance doors solid core?
- Do they have bolt locks?
- If hinge pins are outside, are they non-removable?
- Does door securely fit doorjamb.
- Is doorjamb tightly fastened?
- Does bolt extend sufficiently into strike plate?
- Have locks been re-keyed since you moved in?

WINDOWS:
- Have double hung windows been pinned?
- Do metal windows have auxiliary locks?
- Can windows left open for ventilation be secured?
- Do basement windows have auxiliary locks?
- Do curtains or drapes fully cover windows?
- Is window air conditioner secured from inside?

GARAGE:
- Does door close tightly?
- Does overhead door have a track padlock?
- Is padlock of high quality?
- Is hasp of high quality, installed without screws showing?
- Do you keep overhead doors closed and locked when not in use?
- Remove vehicle keys when garage is locked?
- Can garage light be turned on from inside?

EXTERIOR:
- Do you belong to a NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PROGRAM?
- Are shrubs cut below window level?
- Are tree limbs cut above window level?
- Is residence number visible from street and alley?
- Can mailbox be locked?
- Is front door well lit?
- Is back door well lit?
- Are bicycles, mowers, ladders kept inside?
- Have you engraved property and put up stickers?

VACATIONS:
- Do you stop deliveries?
- Do you set light timers?
- Is your yard taken care of?
- Do you arrange for handbills to be picked up?

ADDITIONAL
- Do you have an alarm system and know how to use it?
- If you have a gun, is it kept secured?
- Do you keep most of your cash in the bank?
- Do you keep a list of all valuable property, credit cards and serial numbers?
- Do you keep this list in a safe place? A safe deposit box?
- Do you avoid displaying valuables to strangers?
- Have you memorized the telephone number of your police?