



## TIPS ON SAFEGUARDING YOUR HOME

A burglary is reported somewhere in the United States every 11 seconds. By implementing some simple security measures, you can reduce your risk of being a burglar's next victim, according to home security expert Don Moore.

The U.S. Department of Justice reports nearly three million American homes are burglarized every year. Don Moore suggests that you should take this security test to determine just how safe your home is.

### YES NO

- Do you mark your valuables with your driver's license or identification number?
- Do you have an inventory list of serial numbers and descriptions of your valuables such as jewelry, televisions, stereos, appliances, etc.?
- Are all entrances (doors and windows) to your home well lit?
- Are all exterior doors secured by a dead-bolt lock?
- Are all sliding glass doors and windows secured with key locking devices and pins to prevent removal?
- Do gates surrounding your yard have sturdy locks on them?
- Do you plan ahead so you don't have to leave a key under the mat or other obvious hiding places?
- Is there a peephole viewer on your front door?
- Are your interior lights, radios and television on timers to make it look like you are home when you are not?

Every "NO" response to a question on this checklist points to a weakness in security that could improve a burglar's ability to break in without being detected. By eliminating problem areas, you can greatly decrease the risk of being an easy target for a burglar.

Another tip from Don Moore: If you have a home security system, consider installing glass break detectors and/ or motion detectors inside your home. This will help capture burglars who break windows to avoid "tripping" a security sensor. "It is important to

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remember that even eliminating all risks, no home is burglar-proof. The object of the home security checklist is to reduce the risk of being burglarized by reducing easy opportunities,” says Don Moore.

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