

TIPS FOR A SAFER HOME

Sliding Glass Doors:

Should include:

1. Track locks and Charlie bars
2. Use track screws to keep door from being lifted off its rail

Lights:

May include –

1. Motion detection lights
2. Sun sensor lights
3. Every security lights
4. Front and back porch lights

Garage Doors:

1. Windows should be covered and screened from the inside to reduce visibility and entry
2. Thin panel garage doors should be secured from the inside with security screens or metal bars

Windows:

1. Double hung window locks should be reinforced by manufactured locks that restrict window openings to 6 inches.
2. Securely protect hidden windows

Shrubs:

Keep low enough so as not to block possible points of entry or to conceal a potential attacker

Doors:

1. Solid core wood or metal doors, 1 3/4 inches thick
2. Rugged door frame
3. Wide angle viewer

Door Locks:

Must use all three:

1. Security strike plates, screws reach through frame into wall
2. Stress tested dead bolts with 1 inch throw
3. Mag (metal sleeve around lock)

Basement Windows:

Basement windows can be secured externally or internally by mounting expanded metal screen to the foundation of the building

