

New Homeowner Security Checklist



Immediate Actions (Day 1-3)

Priority: Change All Locks

Why: Previous owners, contractors, real estate agents may have keys

- Front door deadbolt - Upgrade to Grade 1 if needed
- Back door locks - Include sliding door bars
- Side gate locks - Often overlooked but critical
- Garage door locks - Manual and automatic
- Windows - Ensure all locking mechanisms work
- Spare key locations - Remove any hidden keys

LAW Security Tip: We can recommend trusted local locksmiths or integrate smart locks into your security system.

Assess Your Property

Walk your property with security in mind

Exterior Check:

- Lighting - Dark areas around home?
- Landscaping - Bushes blocking windows?
- Fencing - Secure and in good repair?
- Entry points - How many ways in?
- Visibility - Can neighbors see your doors?
- Tools/ladders - Remove anything that aids break-ins

Interior Check:

- Window locks - All functional?
- Door frames - Solid and secure?
- Basement/attic access - Properly secured?
- Garage entry - Connected to house?