

# New Homeowner Security Checklist



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## 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?