

New Homeowner Security Checklist



Week 1 Actions

Update Emergency Information

- Change alarm codes (if system exists)
- Update monitoring contacts with new residents
- Program new phone numbers into existing system
- Test all sensors to ensure they work
- Locate main breaker and water shut-off
- Find monitoring company info (if existing system)

Get to Know Your Neighborhood

- Meet immediate neighbors - They're your first line of defense
- Join neighborhood apps (Nextdoor, Facebook groups)
- Locate nearest police station
- Find hospital/urgent care routes
- Identify neighborhood watch - Join if available

Insurance & Documentation

- Review homeowner's insurance - Does it cover theft/damage?
- Document valuables - Photos and serial numbers
- Create home inventory - Store in cloud
- Get security system discount - Can save 15-20%
- Understand deductibles - How much you'd pay out of pocket