

New Homeowner Security Checklist



Week 2-3 Actions

Enhance Physical Security

- Install door viewers (peepholes) if missing
- Add door chains/bars for additional security
- Secure sliding doors - Bar in track, pin in frame
- Window security film - Makes glass harder to break
- Motion sensor lights - Especially for dark areas
- Security cameras - Focus on entry points first

Landscape for Security

- Trim bushes below 3 feet near windows
- Remove ladder-like landscaping near second story
- Add thorny plants under windows (natural deterrent)
- Ensure lighting isn't blocked by vegetation
- Secure outdoor furniture - Can't be used to climb

Consider Professional Security

- Get security assessments from 2-3 companies
- Compare monitoring options - Local vs. national
- Understand response times - Critical for effectiveness
- Review contract terms - No long-term traps
- Check references - Especially in your neighborhood