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Access Control & Locksmith Services

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Security Checklist

Doors and Windows (The most common point of break in)

- Keep doors locked at night and every time you leave the house, even if it's just for a few minutes
- All exterior doors should be solid hardwood or metal clad, strong enough to withstand excessive force
- All exterior frames should be securely fastened and reinforced if necessary
- Install High Security Locks that resist picking, "bumping" and unauthorized key duplication – crooks will go "next door" for easier target!
- All hinged exterior doors should be secured with deadbolt locks with minimum 1" throw
- Strike plates installed in jam with 3" screws
- Locks should be rekeyed or changed if not done since you've moved in.
- Doors should be locked when not in active use.
- Glass panels in doors reinforced so cannot be shattered
- All entryways to home have working, keyed entry lock and deadbolt lock
- Locks should be tested periodically
- Test any new keys made for neighbors before distributing
- Be sure windows are latched and locked
- Strive to make your home look as lived in as possible while you are away
- Do not rely on chain latches! False sense of security!
- Install alarm. Even a simple battery operated door alarm is a good enunciator
- Hinges accessible from the outside are pinned to prevent removal
- Basement windows and doors have extra protection, curtains, bars
- Windows air conditioners secured from inside
- Do not open doors to strangers. Low cost intercom/video systems to communicate with door closed.
- Install Wide angle (180 degree) viewers in all solid exterior doors
- Sliding glass doors and windows have anti lift anti slide devices installed, Charlie Bars
- Garage doors are secured with more than automatic opener
- Double-hung windows are secured with pins or extra latches to discourage prying
- Basement windows lock and open properly.
- Property is marked and listed, to discourage burglars and improve recovery rates. Engrave property with your Indiana drivers license number in this manner: IN123456DL.
- All entrances are lit at night. The yard in general is evenly lit, ideally with motion response lights.
- All openings into the home - including skylights, crawl spaces, vents and pet doors are protected.
- The address is posted clearly on the house, clearly visible night and day from the street.
- Remote garage door opener is customized for your use (not factory code!)
- Garage doors are closed and locked when not in use
- Keys are removed from vehicle while in garage
- Garage light can be turned on from inside house.
- Shrubs cut so no one can hide in them, below the windows
- Bikes, mowers, ladders etc. are kept inside, avoid temptation
- Know your neighbors and watch out for each other's property.
- Develop or join Neighborhood Watch program.

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Security Checklist continued

Vacation

- Stop all deliveries
- Don't change answering machine message to announce your vacation!
- Turn down the ringer on phone.
- Leave shades and blinds in normal positions
- Notify trusted neighbors, give a key
- Don't tag the key with your name or address!
- Set timer on lights and radio
- Have someone take care of your yard, shovel your walk
- Have your mail held or picked up

Other

- Keep most of your cash in the bank
- Make a list of all valuable property, credit cards and serial numbers and keep in safe place
- A loud, barking dog is a deterrent

New Options

- Many advantages to combo locks on doors. Give service people combo then change after work is done
- Convenience of use makes it more likely to be locked
- Don't hide keys outside. Thieves know all the best hiding places!
- Advanced models can be interrogated to who came in when, allow access to pre programmed times
- Electronic locks are now very affordable and allow many access control options

Money Savings

After you have taken safety security measures, check with your homeowners' insurance company. You may be eligible for a 2%-15% reduction in premiums, for installing deadbolts and other security measures. Check with your home insurance provider.

Call to set up a free security analysis on your home. 317 251-9003 or email service@TinderCo.com