

WHAT IS YOUR SECURITY QUOTIENT?

Put a check in the box for each statement you answer "yes." At the end, get your score and consider what improvements you can make.

- My house numbers are easily visible for emergency personnel.
- I have a peep hole on exterior doors so I can see who comes to the door.
- Shrubbery is trimmed and does not conceal the entrances and/or windows.
- Exterior doors are constructed of solid wood or metal.
- I have deadbolts on all exterior doors and I use them!
- Strikeplates (for deadbolts) and door hinges are secured with 3" screws.
- All windows into the home are locked, not just latched, especially basement and/or downstairs windows.
- I have outside lights installed (and on) for all the entrances to my home.
- I keep garage doors (and the shed where applicable) securely locked at all times.
- I have a list of all the important items in my home and have jotted down the serial numbers where applicable.

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- If I will be away overnight or longer, I notify a trusted neighbor and ask them to watch the house.
- When I'm away for a longer period of time, I ask a trusted neighbor or friend to mow the lawn or plow the driveway so it appears that someone is home.
- I make sure that I stop newspaper delivery and hold the mail when I'm going to be away for a period of time.
- When I am away from the house, I leave a radio on and set various lights on timers.
- I am part of a Neighborhood Watch.

GIVE YOURSELF 5 POINTS FOR EACH ANSWER THAT YOU MARKED "YES."

0 - 15: ATTENTION IS NECESSARY

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