

# Preventing Home Invasion

This procedure outlines steps to understand the risks associated with home invasions and provides strategies to effectively deter them. The goal is to enhance home security and ensure residents' safety.

## Step 1: **Risk Assessment**

Conduct a thorough risk assessment of your home. Identify potential security weaknesses such as unsecured windows, doors without deadbolts, or dark areas around the house that may provide cover for intruders.

## Step 2: **Strengthen Entry Points**

Reinforce all potential entry points. Install quality deadbolts to your doors, secure windows with locks or security films, and ensure that garage doors are sturdy and have a reliable locking mechanism.

## Step 3: **Install Alarms**

Set up a home alarm system. Choose a system that includes door and window sensors, motion detectors, and a loud siren. Also consider monitored alarm services that notify law enforcement if the alarm is triggered.

## Step 4: **Lighting Improvement**

Improve the lighting around your home. Use motion-activated lights around entrances and dark areas to deter potential intruders. Ensure that your property is well-lit during nighttime.

## Step 5: **Surveillance Setup**

Install surveillance cameras. Place cameras at strategic locations to monitor all entrance points and the perimeter of your property. Use cameras that can be monitored remotely via the Internet.

## Step 6: **Neighborhood Watch**

Participate in or start a neighborhood watch program. Work with your neighbors to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior. Exchange contact information and agree on a plan to alert each other of potential threats.

## Step 7: **Security Practices**

Implement good security practices. Always lock doors and windows when leaving the house or going to bed. Do not leave spare keys outside. Keep valuables out of sight and be aware of who has access to your home.

## Step 8: **Emergency Planning**

Create an emergency plan. Have a clear plan in place for your household in case of an intrusion. This should include safe rooms, communication methods, and procedures for contacting authorities.

# **General Notes**

## **Maintenance**

Regularly maintain your security systems and hardware. Check locks, alarm batteries, and camera functionality to ensure everything is in working order.

## **Professional Advice**

Consider consulting with a security professional to evaluate your home's specific needs and recommend tailored security enhancements.

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