



KeepWatchly

Home Security Checklist

Walk your home room by room, find the weak spots, and decide what to protect — before you call a single company.

A free guide from KeepWatchly — the free, multilingual service that helps you plan home and business security and get matched with licensed, insured security companies near you. **KeepWatchly is a free matching service, not a security or alarm company.**



How to use this checklist

Print it or open it on your phone. Walk your home the way a stranger might approach it — from the street to the front door, around the sides, and through the back. Tick what you already have and circle what is

missing. You'll end with a clear, honest list of what to protect, which makes every quote easier to compare.

1. Doors and entry points

- ✔ Front, back, and side doors have solid deadbolts that work.
- ✔ Door frames and strike plates are solid (not loose or cracked).
- ✔ Sliding doors have a bar or pin so they can't be lifted out.
- ✔ Garage-to-house door locks like an exterior door.
- ✔ Spare keys are NOT hidden outside under mats or rocks.

2. Windows

- ✔ Ground-floor and basement windows latch fully.
- ✔ Windows hidden from the street get extra attention (sensors or locks).
- ✔ Window-mounted air units can't be pushed in from outside.

3. Lighting and visibility

- ✔ Entry points are lit at night (motion lights or dusk-to-dawn).
- ✔ Shrubs near windows and doors are trimmed low.
- ✔ House number is visible so help can find you quickly.

4. Alarm and cameras

- ✔ You know whether you want a monitored alarm or self-monitoring.
- ✔ Camera spots chosen: front door, driveway, back yard.
- ✔ A video doorbell covers package deliveries.
- ✔ Wi-Fi reaches the spots where cameras would go.

5. Renters and apartments

- ✔ You've checked the lease for what you can install.
- ✔ You've looked at no-drill, wireless options you can take with you.
- ✔ You know who is responsible for exterior doors and locks.

Before you sign anything: get the price, the equipment, the monthly monitoring fee, the contract length, and the cancellation terms **in writing**. Never sign on the spot under door-to-door or phone pressure. Consent to be contacted is never a condition of buying anything.

Your next step

When you know what you want to protect, you can get matched, free, with licensed, insured security companies near you at keepwatchly.pages.dev/get-matched/. You compare quotes and choose who to hire.

