

Additional locks and security measures will prevent the door from being opened or lifted out of the track. A lock bar, also known as a "Charley bar" will also prevent the sliding glass door from opening from the outside.

- Have solid doors with strong locks and strike plates at all entrances. Weak strike plates for your locks will defeat strong locks; they can be kicked open. Metal doors are best; thick solid wood doors are next. Never use a hollow-panel door at any kind of entrance.
- Double doors (French Doors) need solid security as they are easily jimmied or forced open. Flush lever bolts installed at the top and bottom of the doors are recommended.
- Ensure that the door leading from the garage into the house is locked. It is not uncommon to find a garage door open/unlocked and the entrance door leading into the house unlocked.
- Dead bolt locks can provide good protection.
- Protect your keys. Only lend them to trusted friends or relatives. Replace the lock if the key is lost or stolen.
- Don't keep valuables in your bedroom. Criminals normally make a beeline for the master bedroom or office because they know people tend to keep cash and jewelry there. Keep valuables in an unlikely place, not the bedroom, dining area, or refrigerator. Don't display valuable objects in plain view of windows.
- Remove a burglar's cover. Keep hedges and trees trimmed away from the house.
- Arrange window shades in normal daytime position. Make sure all drapes, shades, and curtains are arranged so that neighbors and police can see into your house while you are away.
- Turn down the volume control of the telephone bell to its lowest setting so that it cannot be heard from outside the house. It is not uncommon for a burglar to call a home before it is burglarized to ensure that no one is home.
- Move all ladders, tools, lawn implements, garbage cans and yard furniture to an interior storage area.
- When you are going to be gone for an extended period, don't make it obvious. Keep a car in the driveway in front of the garage door to block access to the garage. Use timers to turn indoor and outdoor lights on and off. Leave a radio on, or put it on a timer. Have someone mow your lawn. Have your house checked regularly by a trusted neighbor. Call the police department so they can record your home as vacant. Provide them with an emergency telephone number in the event an emergency arises. Provide the name(s) of anyone scheduled to be on the premises for any purpose. Do not post messages which indicate your absence or time of return. Place valuables in a safe deposit box.
- Look for clues that people maybe casing your neighborhood. A strange person ringing a doorbell asking for a person who does not live there is a good indication that criminal activity may be afoot. Also, be suspicious if you see someone sitting for long periods in a parked car. Immediately call the police if you see unfamiliar people walking / running through your or your neighbor's backyard. Obtain a description and direction of travel.