



Village of McConnellsville  
 9 West Main Street  
 McConnellsville, Ohio 43756

## Burglary Prevention - Home Security Checklist

Most residential burglaries occur during the day, when people are at work. If a burglar knocks on the front door and no one answers, they will check the back door and look for open windows. If the suspect decides that no one is home, they assess which way is the easiest to gain entry. The following checklist will help point out the security level of your home. Each 'no' checked shows a weak point that may help a burglar gain access. To improve your security, attempt to eliminate the boxes checked 'no.' Understanding and using these guidelines will not make your home burglar proof, but it will improve your home protection.

For additional information on how to burglar proof your home, visit [www.burglaryprevention.org](http://www.burglaryprevention.org) or call the Police Department at 740-962-3163

	YES	NO
<b>SIDE OR REAR ENTRANCE (Burglars typically enter through side or rear doors)</b>		
1. Is the door itself made of metal or solid wood construction?		
2. Is the door-frame strong enough and tight enough to prevent entry?		
3. Are door hinges on the inside?		
4. Are door windows more than 40 inches from door locks?		
5. Is the door secured by a deadbolt lock at least 1-inch long?		
6. Is the strike plate adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?		
7. The locking mechanism cannot be reached from a mail slot or pet entrance.		
8. The doorway is visible from the street and/or neighbor's view.		
9. Does the doorway have a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?		
10. If the door is sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?		
11. Is a "charley-bar" or key-operated lock used on the sliding glass door?		
12. Is the entrance lighted with at least a 40-watt light?		
<b>ENTRANCES FROM GARAGE AND BASEMENT</b>		
13. Are all entrances to the living quarters from garage or basement metal or solid wood construction?		
14. Does the door from the garage to the living quarters have locks adequate for an exterior entrance?		
15. Does the door from the basement have an adequate lock operated from the living quarters?		
<b>GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS (Burglars also like to go through windows)</b>		
16. Do all of the windows have adequate locks in operating condition?		
17. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?		
18. Are exterior windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?		

<b>UPPER FLOOR WINDOWS (Burglars like these windows, so put ladders away)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
19. Are ladders kept inside?		
20. Are upper floor windows located above porches, garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings secure?		
21. Do windows have adequate locks in operating condition?		
22. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?		
23. Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?		
<b>BASEMENT DOORS AND WINDOWS</b>		
24. If the basement door is external, is it visible from the street or neighbors?		
25. If the door is external, is it adequately secured?		
26. Are all basement windows adequately secured?		
<b>GARAGE DOORS AND WINDOWS</b>		
27. Is the automobile entrance door to the garage equipped with adequate locking?		
28. Is the garage door kept closed and locked at all times?		
29. Are garage windows adequately secured?		
30. Is the outside utility entrance to the garage secured adequately?		
31. Are tools, ladders and other equipment kept in garage?		
32. Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40-watt bulb?		
<b>FRONT ENTRANCE</b>		
33. Is the door made of metal or solid wood construction?		
34. Is the doorframe strong enough and tight enough to prevent entry?		
35. Are the door hinges on the inside?		
36. Windows are in the door or, windows are more than 40 inches from door locks.		
37. Is the door secured by a deadbolt lock that is at least 1-inch long?		
38. Is the strike plate adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?		
39. Are the windows in the door and other windows more than 40 inches from door locks?		
40. The locking mechanism cannot be reached from a mail slot or pet entrance?		
41. Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?		
42. Is the front entrance lighted with at least a 40-watt light?		
43. Can the front entrance be observed from street or public areas?		
44. Is all landscaping kept trimmed to be no higher than 2-feet and/or below windows?		
45. Are trees limbs clear to appropriately 6-feet below the canopy?		

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<b>MAINTENANCE</b>		
46. Are garbage and recycling bins taken in immediately after pickup?		
47. Are newspapers and mail picked up every day?		
48. Is the structure of your home painted and in a condition of good repair?		
49. Is landscaping kept trimmed?		
50. Are old automobiles, boats, trailers, or other vehicles stored away from your front yard?		
51. Is all graffiti removed immediately?		
52. Are windows locked when you are away from home?		
53. Is valuable property such as jewelry, laptops, I-pods, etc visible through open curtains or blinds?		
<b>ADDRESSES</b>		
54. Is your mailbox clearly marked with the street address?		
55. Is your street address clearly visible from the street with numbers a minimum of five inches high that are made of non-reflective material?		
56. Are numbers of your street address clearly visible at night?		
<b>BUILDING LIGHTING</b>		
57. Are building numbers illuminated?		
58. Are building accesses illuminated?		
59. Are front, side, and back areas illuminated?		
60. Does outside lighting provide a cone of illumination downward to walkways, preferably from the side?		
61. Does illumination provide a level of lighting between buildings to distinguish forms and movement?		
62. Are all areas of the yard well lit so that oncoming persons can be clearly seen?		