

HOME SECURITY INSPECTION

The crime rate continues to grow at an unprecedented rate, and burglary is the fastest growing of all the indexed crimes.

A burglary occurs every 20 seconds in the U.S. Of the almost \$3 billion worth of property stolen this year, only 5% is recovered.

The rules for protecting your home are quite simple, and involve old-fashioned common sense and up-to-date locks.

THE TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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SAFETY TIPS

to ensure your home is protected and to meet the requirements of the 67th Legislature of the State of Texas.

These requirements, as outlined in the Texas Insurance Code, provide the opportunity for a 5-20% reduction in homeowner insurance premiums. The requirements are considered minimum requirements and will not be waived under any circumstances by the inspector.

To schedule an inspection, contact the TCSO Community Outreach Unit:
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HOME SECURITY HARDWARE

1. Exterior doors must be solid core doors, that are 1 3/8" thick and must be secured by deadbolt locks. The deadbolt must lock with a minimum bolt throw of 1" and must penetrate a metal strike plate firmly secured to the door frame. If a door secured with a deadbolt has breakable glass within 40" of the lock, the deadbolt must be a double cylinder (double keyed) deadbolt. *Unless prohibited by life safety codes.
2. Metal doors must be secured by deadbolt locks (as outlined above).
3. Double doors must meet the specifications for exterior doors listed in (1) and have the inactive door secured by a header and threshold bolts that penetrate metal strike plate. If glass is located within 40" of header and threshold bolts, the bolts must be flush-mounted in the edge of the door.
4. Sliding glass doors are secured by secondary locking devices to prevent lifting and prying.
5. Dutch doors have a concealed flush-bolt locking device to interlock the upper and lower halves, and the door is secured by a deadbolt lock as outlined in (1).
6. Garage doors are equipped with key-operated locking devices.
7. Windows are secured by auxiliary locking devices. An auxiliary locking device required by this section must include either screws, wooden dowels, pinning devices and key-operated locks. In areas where life safety codes permit, metal bars or grating (if mounted to prevent easy removal) may be substituted for auxiliary locking devices. Jalousie or louvered windows DO NOT meet specifications of this section, unless they have metal grating mounted as stated above.

ALARM SYSTEMS

1. All exterior structure openings are contacted.
2. Alarm system includes an interior AND exterior siren.
3. Alarm is monitored by a Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved central station.
4. Alarm system equipment is UL approved.
5. All signs, services, installation and monitoring of the alarm system are done in compliance with the Private Security Agencies.
6. Alarm company is licensed by the Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies.