

# Burglary Prevention Checklist for Homes

## HOUSE NUMBERS

Are your address numbers clearly visible from the street for emergency responders?

## SECURITY CAMERAS

Use security cameras and alarms.

## EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Yard lighting may deter criminals seeking darkness. Use LEDs to save energy.

## UPSTAIRS ENTRY POINT

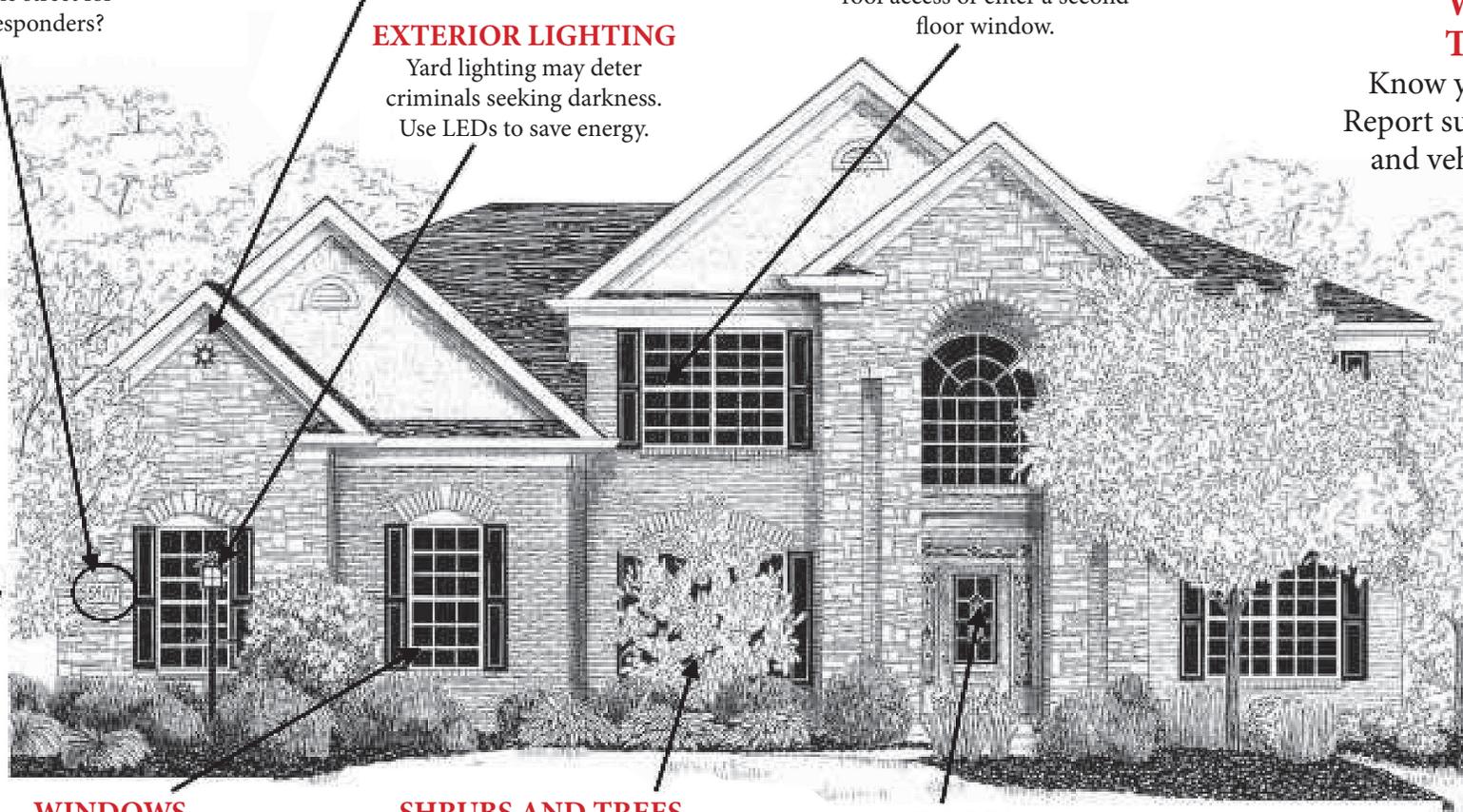
Make sure burglars can't gain roof access or enter a second floor window.

## JOIN NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TODAY!

Know your neighbors. Report suspicious persons and vehicles to police.

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## WINDOWS

Not all burglars break glass, so make sure window locks are strong and properly used.

## SHRUBS AND TREES

Burglars love hiding behind shrubs while they pry open windows without being seen. Keep shrubs trimmed.

## DOORS

Keep doors locked even when home. Be aware of glass near door and protect against breaking and entering.



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# Your Burglary Prevention Checklist

	Yes	No
Are your doors and windows locked every time you leave?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery etc. to permit maximum visibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your sliding door have a secondary lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your sliding door prevented from lifting off its track?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have an alarm system?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you always set your alarm?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the windows on your second floor secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a list, picture or video of all your valuables including serial numbers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your house number clearly visible from the street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are windows at least 40" from any door locks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all entrances and gangways well lit and free of concealment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are your ladders or bins that might be used to gain entry out of sight?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are your garage doors and windows locked and secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are valuables blocked from being visually seen from the street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can you see who is at the door without opening it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have motion sensor lights installed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the gates to your yard locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have high definition surveillance cameras?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you lock up outdoor valuables such as grills, lawnmowers, etc?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have inside lights on timers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your safe secured to the floor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you know how to access your security video including the password?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>