

YOUR ULTIMATE HOME-DEFENSE CHECKLIST



FORTIFYING YOUR HOME

- Install exterior lighting for all sides of your house and yard.
- Keep your doors, windows and garage locked when you're home and away.
- Keep your grass maintained and bushes trimmed (especially those near entry points).
- Keep your windows clean, clear of clutter and securely locked.
- Keep valuables, such as jewelry, laptops and other electronics, out of plain sight.
- Install an alarm system and set it every day.

YOUR HOME-DEFENSE FIREARM

- Keep your designated home-defense firearm loaded and in its proper location.
- Designate an age-appropriate family member to retrieve the firearm in an emergency.
- Obey all federal and state safe-storage laws.

CALLING FOR HELP

- Know where your phone is located (even in the dark).
- Designate one family member to call 911.
- Give your family instructions on what to do and say when the police arrive.

A PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY

- Observe your surroundings when entering and exiting your home.
- Assign tasks to each family member in the case of a home invasion.
- Designate a safe room or location where the entire family should meet.
- Designate an exit strategy and meeting place if your family is forced to leave your home.
- Define commands and who should issue them to the intruder(s).
- Define a family code word to identify who and where you are.

INVESTING IN YOUR SECURITY

- Locking metal screen door
- Security alarm system
- Additional exterior lighting
- High-security door locks
- High-security casement windows