

RESIDENTIAL DOORS

1. Replace the hollow core door with a metal door or a door made of solid wood construction. Some existing hollow core doors can be reinforced with 1/2 inch plywood secured with carriage bolts.
2. Pin the door hinges or use nonremovable hinge pins.
3. Reinforce thin door panels with well secured sheets of 1/2 inch plywood or expanded steel wire mesh.
4. Cover glass near door locks with expanded metal or replace with Lexan or Plexiglas material.
5. Install a single cylinder deadbolt lock.
6. Install a double cylinder deadbolt lock.
WARNING: A key should be left in the interior side of a double cylinder deadbolt lock at all times while the house is occupied in the event of an emergency exit. When the house is vacant, however, the key should be removed for maximum security. Keep an additional key out of sight within 40 inches of the door for emergency use. This extra key should be out of reach of anyone who might try to break in, but readily reached by adults and children inside your dwelling.
7. Install a reinforced strike plate, using a minimum of four 2 1/2 inch length stainless steel screws.
8. Install a wide angle viewer with a range of view not less than 180°.
9. Double doors should be locked by installing well secured metal sliding bolts at the top and bottom of the inactive door. A Deadbolt Bolt Lock (refer to 5 or 6) should be installed in the active door. The strike plate for the sliding bolt should contain at least two 2 1/2 inch length screws.
10. Install a commercial sliding patio door lock that uses the removable bolt concept or pin as described in No. 23.
11. Install a sturdy snug fitting dowel stick in the lower sliding channel to act as a brace bar. Then insert flathead or sheet metal screws in the top sliding track to prevent the door from being lifted out of its track.
12. A high security padlock and hasp may be used rather than a deadbolt lock.

RESIDENTIAL WINDOWS

13. Bolt expanded steel wire mesh or ironwork over the window (inside surface if possible).
WARNING: Do not place unlockable bars or grates over windows that may be needed as fire escapes!
14. Use a sturdy snug fitting dowel stick as a brace bar to prevent the window from sliding.
15. Install flathead or sheet metal screws in the top sliding track to prevent the window from being lifted out of its track.
16. Drill holes in the window frame and insert removable double-headed nails or commercial pinning devices into the holes.
17. Install a snap-on or thumb screw vent lock onto the rib of the sliding track to prevent the window from being forced open laterally.
18. Remove the crank handle.
19. Use an "L" bracket and drop pin.
20. Replace the breakable glass with an acrylic glazing (non-breakable glass) such as Lexan.
21. Use a jeweler's case lock.
22. Use an epoxy glue to prevent removal of the glass panes.
23. A small hole drilled through window frame and frame of sliding glass window and fitted with a small pin will prevent removal or lifting from track.

RESIDENTIAL GARAGE

24. Place drapes or shades over the windows to prevent someone from looking inside. This can also be accomplished by painting the window panes with a light coat of paint.
25. Roll-up garage doors may be secured by drilling a hole in each of the roller tracks, at a location just above the roller, and inserting a padlock or U-bolt into the holes.
26. Vehicle doors may be secured with an automatic garage door opener. Lock your garage door and disengage the automatic opener when away for extended periods of time.
27. Garage vehicle doors may be secured with a high quality padlock and hasp.

HOME EXTERIOR

28. All exterior lighting should operate on a photoelectric cell and inside light switches.
29. All exterior light fixtures should be mounted in out-of-reach locations or protected with cover fixtures.
30. Exterior lights should be placed to provide illumination around all potential points of entry into the house, carports/driveways, and walkways.
31. Outside fuse or circuit breaker boxes should be secured with a good quality padlock.
32. Heavy shrubbery provides concealment for prowlers and burglars. Trim and/or thin large plants around doorways, windows, and walkways.
33. Apartment complex laundry rooms should be well lighted and doors kept locked.
34. Mailbox areas should be kept well illuminated. Your mailbox should have only your last name displayed on it.
35. House numbers should be large, painted a contrasting color from their background, and placed in a location easily seen from the street.
36. Avoid using message boards or leaving notes which would indicate that the residence is unoccupied.
37. Yard fences should be the see-through type, or no more than 4 feet high, to not provide concealment for prowlers.

HOME INTERIOR

38. Engrave your valuable property with your Oregon Driver's License number or Oregon ID Card number.
39. Make a list of your valuable property to include: the manufacturer's name, model name/number, serial number, value, and physical description.
40. Put a "Flip Lock" or some other locking device on the bedroom door, to be used should someone break in while you are at home.
41. Have one or more inside lights and a radio operating on an automatic timer, when you are away (especially at night).
42. Keep drapes or shades closed to block off view into some or all areas of the home interior. This is especially important when the house is unoccupied after dark or when a female is alone at night.
43. Additional protection for you and your property may be provided by creating a security closet inside the home. See Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 5 for securing this closet.
44. Keep a telephone extension in your bedroom with emergency number 911 displayed.
45. At least one smoke detector should be in place on each level of the home. A smoke detector should be checked at least once a week. Contact the Forest Grove Fire Department for more info.