

Building a new home security checklist



Discussing home security with your builder

This checklist suggests some of the things you might want to chat to your builder about including in your new home to make it more secure from break-ins.

Discuss the list with your builder, then choose the ones that fit your budget, suit the design of your home, make the most sense to you, and comply with any design guidelines your estate or complex might have in place.

While the list of security measures doesn't cover absolutely everything, it is intended as a guide to help you reduce the risk of burglars targeting your new home, from the outset.

Garage

Main garage door (vehicle)

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Remote control: keep on key chain and don't leave it in the car		
Bolt lock: automated bolt lock to sectional or panel lift garage door		
Manual lock in addition to automatic lock		

External garage door (pedestrian)

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Door: solid hardwood, fibreglass or metal; glazing no wider than 125mm; toughened glass		
Lock: mortice lock with sprung latch and separate double through deadbolt		
Strike plate: steel with 80mm stainless steel fixing screws (fixed through door jamb and into stud frame)		
Door hinges: 3 × 100mm steel butt hinge, each with 8 fixing points and 80mm stainless steel fixing screws (fixed through door jamb and into stud frame)		
Door jamb: hardwood door jamb fixed into stud frame with 80mm stainless steel fixing screws		
Bolt: key-lockable manual bolt to door head		

Garage windows

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Awning or case windows with chain window winder with key lock		
External rolling shutters or security screens		
Internal one-way blinds		
Toughened glass		

Internal garage door to house (pedestrian)

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Door: solid hardwood, fibreglass or metal		
Lock: mortice lock with sprung latch and separate double throw deadbolt		
Strike plate: steel with 80mm stainless steel fixing screws (fixed through door jamb and into stud frame)		
Door hinges: 3 × 100mm steel butt hinge, each with 8 fixing points and 80mm stainless steel fixing screws (fixed through door jamb and into stud frame)		
Door jamb: hardwood door jamb fixed into stud frame with 80mm stainless steel fixing screws		

House

Front door (external)

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Door: solid hardwood, fibreglass or metal; glazing no wider than 125mm; toughened glass		
Lock: mortice lock with sprung latch and separate double through deadbolt		
Strike plate: steel with 80mm stainless steel fixing screws (fixed through door jamb and into stud frame)		
Door hinges: 3 × 100mm steel butt hinge, each with 8 fixing points and 80mm stainless steel fixing screws (fixed through door jamb and into stud frame)		
Door jamb: hardwood door jamb fixed into stud frame with 80mm stainless steel fixing screws		
Peep hole: security door viewer with optical glass; 160 degree viewing angle		
Security screen door to Australian Standard AS 5039-2008		
Entry can be seen from the street/road and driveway		

Rear door (external)

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Door: solid hardwood, fibreglass or metal; glazing no wider than 125mm; toughened glass		
Lock: mortice lock with sprung latch and separate double through deadbolt		
Strike plate: steel with 80mm stainless steel fixing screws (fixed through door jamb and into stud frame)		
Door hinges: 3 × 100mm steel butt hinge, each with 8 fixing points and 80mm stainless steel fixing screws (fixed through door jamb and into stud frame)		
Door jamb: hardwood door jamb fixed into stud frame with 80mm stainless steel fixing screws		
Bolt: key-lockable manual bolt to door head		
Security screen door to Australian Standard AS 5039-2008		

Sliding doors (external)

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Lock: key-lockable, dual-action bolts with manual snib		
Bolt: key-lockable manual bolt to door head		
Security screen door to Australian Standard AS 5039-2008		
Toughened glass		

Windows

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Awning or case windows with chain window winder with key lock		
External rolling shutters or security screens		
Internal one-way blinds		
Toughened glass		

External lighting

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Motion activated flood light to front yard		
Motion activated flood light to back yard		
Motion activated flood light to driveway		
Motion activated overhead light on front portico		

Signage

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Identification: reflective or illuminated house number placed in prominent position that can be seen from the road.		
Neighbourhood Watch vinyl window stickers front, back and sides		

Letterbox

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Mail repository at least 230mm wide, 330mm long and 160mm high.		
Mail Slot 230mm x 10mm (too narrow for hand to fit through)		
Lock: high security letterbox lock with keyed lock		
Identification: Neighbourhood Watch 100mm square letterbox plate.		

Premium security upgrades

Security measure	Cost estimate	Select
Doorbell: high definition 1080px camera and audio interface with infra-red night vision linked to mobile app.		
Camera: high definition 1080px smart camera with infra-red night vision and/or sensor light linked to mobile app		
Security system: wireless motion sensors with external siren linked to mobile app		



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