

Evaluating the Physical Protection Afforded by a Building

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Walls	Yes	No	N/A
Are exterior walls of such construction that they would be difficult to penetrate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there structures, building alcoves, or overgrown foliage that could provide the burglar with cover to attack the walls without fear of being seen?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Should consideration be given to providing burglar alarm protection to exterior walls?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there adequate outside lighting that may serve as a deterrent to burglary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are exterior lighting fixtures protected against breakage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Floors	Yes	No	N/A
Is the building of such construction that the floor is readily accessible from underneath?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the floor of such construction that it could not be easily penetrated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are basement doors of substantial construction and protected with ironwork, such as gates or bars, installed on the inside behind the door?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are basement windows protected with ironwork, such as burglar screens or bars, installed on the inside behind the glass?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are padlocks that are used to secure sidewalk openings of substantial construction and do they have hardened shackles to resist sawing or cutting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do padlock hasps have a hardened staple and are they solidly mounted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Roofs	Yes	No	N/A
Are there equipment or structures, such as a ladder or fire escape, that could be used by a burglar to access the roof?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the roof of such construction that it could not be easily penetrated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are skylights, air vents, and other roof openings protected by a grille or burglar bars, or otherwise secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Accessible Openings	Yes	No	N/A
Are side and rear doors made of solid-wood or steel construction and installed in reinforced steel frames?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are glass panels on side and rear doors made of burglary-resisting glazing material that is listed by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), or backed-up by such material?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all exterior doors provided with deadbolt locks that have at least a one-inch throw?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are side and rear doors provided with supplemental protection, such as a gate, police bar, or four-point locking device?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are outward swinging doors provided with hinges that have non-removable pins?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the front of the business (entrance and show windows) protected by a roll-down grille or ferry gate (if aesthetics are of concern, the grille or grate can be installed on the inside of the premises behind the glass surface)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are side and rear windows protected with ironwork, such as burglar screens or bars, installed on the inside behind the glass?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there equipment or structures, such as a ladder or fire escape, that could be used by a burglar to access an upper-story window?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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