

# AN 88 QUESTION HOME AND PERSONAL SECURITY SURVEY

*When you play a piano, you need to have all 88 keys tuned correctly to play a melody well. With home and personal security, you need to answer all 88 questions with a "Yes" to assure yourself you are tuned in to the maximum security you can personally provide. If you answer "No" on any question, pay attention to what you could do to improve your, and your family's, safety and security.*

## Neighborhood Security

- |  | Yes | No  |
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| 1 Is your house number visible from the street, with numbers at least 3" high?             | ___ | ___ |
| 2 Can your neighbors see your house?   | ___ | ___ |
| 3 Do you know your neighbors, including all occupants of their houses?                     | ___ | ___ |
| 4 Have you talked to your neighbors about mutual neighborhood security?                    | ___ | ___ |
| 5 Do you leave your front and back porch light on every night whether you are home or not? | ___ | ___ |
| 6 Do you routinely lock your door every time you leave - no matter how short a time?       | ___ | ___ |
| 7 Do you never leave keys for a maid or repairman to come in?                              | ___ | ___ |

## Doors and Windows

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| 8 Are your outside entrance doors all solid core doors, strong enough to withstand excessive force? | ___ | ___ |
| 9 Do your door frames fit snugly around your exterior doors?  | ___ | ___ |
| 10 Are the strike plates and frames strong enough to withstand excessive force?                     | ___ | ___ |
| 11 Do you have a wide angle viewer installed in your front and back doors?                          | ___ | ___ |
| 12 If you have a small child at home, have you installed a wide-angle viewer they can see through?  | ___ | ___ |
| 13 Are all your outside doors equipped with single-cylinder one-inch deadbolt locks?                | ___ | ___ |
| 14 Do you have a double cylinder lock for doors with glass or panels?                               | ___ | ___ |
| 15 Can you close and LOCK your garage door? Is it easily opened with a remote?                      | ___ | ___ |
| 16 Do you close and LOCK your garage door? <i>Not just "can you?"</i>                               | ___ | ___ |
| 17 Do you do the same for the pedestrian doors going into the garage from your house or yard?       | ___ | ___ |
| 18 Do your basement doors have extra protection?  | ___ | ___ |
| 19 Do your basement windows have metal screens or other protection?                                 | ___ | ___ |
| 20 Do your casement windows work properly, without excess play?                                     | ___ | ___ |

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| <b>21</b> Do you check to see if all windows are locked whenever you leave the house?   | —   | —  |
| <b>22</b> Do you put a board or dowel that snugly fits in the track of your sliding glass door?   | —   | —  |
| <b>23</b> Have you pinned your sliding glass door?  | —   | —  |
| <b>24</b> Have you done the same for your sliding windows?  | —   | —  |
| <b>25</b> Do all your windows have good locks on them?  | —   | —  |
| <b>26</b> If you have any louvered windows, are the panels epoxied (glued) into place?  | —   | —  |
| <b>27</b> Have you ever walked around your house looking for ways a burglar might be able to get in?  | —   | —  |
| <b>28</b> Have you trimmed all your hedges, bushes and trees so they can't hide a burglar at work on your windows and doors?  | —   | —  |
| <b>29</b> If you live in an apartment or other multi-unit dwelling, do you make it a point to immediately notify management of any lighting or other security problems? | —   | —  |
| <b>30</b> Do you have Neighborhood Watch Warning Decals on your windows?  | —   | —  |

### *Personal Security*

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| <b>31</b> Do you know the <b>emergency</b> phone number of your local law enforcement agency?  | — | — |
| <b>32</b> Do you know the <b>business</b> phone number of your local law enforcement agency?   | — | — |
| <b>33</b> Do you know your nearest fire department and rescue service phone numbers?   | — | — |
| <b>34</b> Do you ask neighbors to watch your house if you are going to be gone over night?   | — | — |
| <b>35</b> Do you have automatic timers on a couple of lights, TV and radios in your house when you are away?   | — | — |
| <b>36</b> Does your house always look like someone is at home?   | — | — |
| <b>37</b> Do you stop newspapers, mail and other deliveries when you are going to be gone for extended periods?  | — | — |
| <b>38</b> Do you ask your neighbors to mow your lawn, rake your leaves or remove snow when you are gone for an extended period?  | — | — |
| <b>39</b> Do you notify your local law enforcement agency, or your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain, when you're going out of town so they can check your house for you? | — | — |
| <b>40</b> Have you recorded the make, model and serial numbers of all your valuables?  | — | — |
| <b>41</b> Have you etched your driver's license number on valuables?   | — | — |
| <b>42</b> Have you photographed items you can't etch or have no serial numbers such as jewelry, china, and crystal for identification purposes?                          | — | — |
| <b>43</b> Have you recorded all your credit card and ATM numbers, together with the phone numbers to cancel them should they get lost or stolen?                         | — | — |

	Yes	No
<b>44</b> Do you shield your keypad entry when you enter your Personal Identification Number into an ATM machine?	—	—
<b>45</b> Have you removed all identification tags from your key ring?	—	—
<b>46</b> Do you always lock your car when you get out?	—	—
<b>47</b> Do you have a working flashlight when traveling at night?	—	—
<b>48</b> Do you look in your car, especially the back seat of your car, before you get in?	—	—
<b>49</b> Do you put all packages in the trunk instead of the back seat?	—	—
<b>50</b> If you have small children, have you taught them how to identify a store clerk to whom they could ask for help should they become separated from you?	—	—
<b>51</b> Since you moved in have you had all your door locks rekeyed by a locksmith?	—	—
<b>52</b> Do you turn your bell tone volume down, or off, on your telephone when you are away?	—	—
<b>53</b> Do you have your neighbor park his extra car in your driveway when you are away for a few days?	—	—
<b>54</b> When going on vacation, do you really follow the 33 steps suggested in the Vacation Preparation section of this handbook?	—	—
<b>55</b> Do you report strangers in your neighborhood to your local law enforcement agency?	—	—
<b>56</b> Do you report all suspicious incidents to your local law enforcement agency?	—	—
<b>57</b> Does your neighborhood have a reputation for being a good, safe place, to live?	—	—
<b>58</b> Do you always separate your home and car keys when you leave your car in an attended parking lot?	—	—
<b>59</b> Do you always walk in the traffic lanes in a parking lot rather than next to the parked cars?	—	—
<b>60</b> Do you always approach your car with your keys in your hand, not in your purse?	—	—
<b>61</b> Do you know what you should do if you become a victim of a sexual assault?	—	—
<b>62</b> Do you routinely file off the serial numbers on padlocks you install?	—	—

### *Fire Protection Procedures*

<b>63</b> Do you and your family know to never use gasoline to start a fire or for cleaning purposes?	—	—
<b>64</b> Do you always store flammable liquids in closed metal containers away from heat, sparks and small children?	—	—
<b>65</b> Are you conscientious about keeping combustibles like newspapers, old clothes, wood furniture and other junk cleared from closets, the garage, basement, attic and yard?	—	—
<b>66</b> Are smoke detectors installed near or on the ceiling, next to each sleeping area in the house as well as other suggested areas and are they in good working order?	—	—

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<b>67</b> Are your smoke detectors the most sensitive you can buy?	—	—
<b>68</b> Do you test each of your smoke detectors monthly and replace their batteries annually?	—	—
<b>69</b> Does every resident of your house practice home fire drills at least annually?	—	—
<b>70</b> Do all family members know how to "stop, drop and roll" to put out a fire?	—	—
<b>71</b> Do all family members know to "shout 'fire' and get out" if they wake up in a house on fire?	—	—
<b>72</b> Are all matches and lighters kept safely away from small children?	—	—
<b>73</b> Is the "No Smoking" rule practiced in your house? If not, do you provide ashtrays for smokers?	—	—
<b>74</b> Does everyone fully understand that smoking is NEVER ALLOWED in bed or near over-stuffed furniture and pillows?	—	—
<b>75</b> Does all smoking residue and fireplace ashes get placed in closed metal containers and disposed of safely outside, away from the house and any other combustible materials?	—	—
<b>76</b> Do all fireplaces have metal screens?	—	—
<b>77</b> Are chimneys inspected and cleaned at least annually? Are spark arrestors checked?	—	—
<b>78</b> Do you have at least one fire extinguisher in your residence and garage?	—	—
<b>79</b> Are you careful not to wear loose fitting clothes when starting a fire?	—	—
<b>80</b> Do you immediately discard damaged, worn or frayed electrical cords?	—	—
<b>81</b> Do you take out of service any malfunctioning electric appliance until it is fixed?	—	—
<b>82</b> Do you clean and lubricate, at least two times a year, motors on refrigerators, dryers and other electric appliances?	—	—
<b>83</b> Do you inspect your heating system, including cleaning it, at least once a year?	—	—
<b>84</b> Do you and your family respect the danger of fire by keeping clothes, drapes and miscellaneous storage at least 12" away from baseboard and portable heaters and 36" away from furnaces?	—	—
<b>85</b> Do you routinely keep pan handles turned in from the cook top edge and cords out of the way?	—	—
<b>86</b> Do you know which kind of fires require which kind of treatments? (As an example, knowing not to put out a grease or electrical fire with water.)	—	—
<b>87</b> Do you routinely keep a pan lid handy when cooking for smothering flames in case of a grease fire in the frying pan?	—	—
<b>88</b> Do you conscientiously check to make sure electric cords and appliances, including tools and accessories used around your car, are not used where water is standing?	—	—

*Yes, it is quite a list. Quite time-consuming you might say. But just consider this: What are the consequences to you or a loved one to a "no" answer to any of the 88 questions? Review this list with your family or fellow occupants of your residence at least once a year. Stay security conscience and remain safe.*