



New Home Safety Checklist

Print this out, stick it on the fridge, and cross items off as you go.

FIRST 48 HOURS

Lock the house down before you unpack

- ☐ **Rekey or replace every exterior lock.**
Front door, back door, side door, garage entry. Hire a locksmith to rekey the existing hardware, or upgrade to smart locks for revocable codes.
- ☐ **Reset every garage and gate code.**
Most modern openers reset through the keypad on the unit.
- ☐ **Locate the breaker, water main shutoff, and gas shutoff.**
Walk every member of the household to each one.
- ☐ **Test every smoke and carbon monoxide detector.**
Press the test button. Replace any unit older than 10 years. Fresh batteries in everything.
- ☐ **Walk every entry point and mark sensor placements.**
Door, window, motion, glass-break. Note the spots so the install is fast.
- ☐ **Save your local emergency numbers in your phone.**
Non-emergency police, fire, poison control, nearest urgent care.

WEEK 1

Detectors, sensors, and the emergency basics

- ☐ **Smoke and CO detectors placed and tested.**
One per floor, one inside or outside every sleeping area. Test monthly per NFPA.
- ☐ **Fire extinguishers mounted.**
Kitchen (mounted, not under the sink), garage, near bedrooms. Check the pressure gauge.
- ☐ **Door, window, motion, and glass-break sensors installed.**
Cover every exterior entry first, then high-value rooms.
- ☐ **Water and freeze sensors placed.**
Under the kitchen sink, near the water heater, near the washing machine.
- ☐ **First aid kit assembled and emergency numbers posted.**
Print the numbers list on the inside of a kitchen cabinet door.



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Continue the checklist into the first month and beyond.

MONTH 1

Smart-home integration and pro monitoring

- ☐ **Smart thermostat installed and scheduled.**
Lower utility bills; pairs with the security app for one-app control.
- ☐ **Indoor and outdoor cameras placed.**
Doorbell at the front, outdoor camera covering the driveway, indoor camera in the main living area.
- ☐ **24/7 professional monitoring activated.**
Central station verifies alarms and dispatches emergency services.
- ☐ **Pro installation walk-through complete.**
Technician installs and tests every device, walks you through the app before leaving.

OLDER ADULTS

If anyone in the household is 65+

- ☐ **Grab bars in every bathroom.**
Mounted into a stud, not drywall. Inside the shower and beside the toilet.
- ☐ **Handrails on every staircase and steep walkway.**
Both sides of the staircase if it's wide.
- ☐ **Non-skid mats in tubs, on stairs, and at entries.**
Secure or remove throw rugs.
- ☐ **Water heater set to 120°F.**
Prevents scalding from hot water at the tap.
- ☐ **Nightlights on the bed-to-bathroom path.**
Auto-on motion lights work even better.

YOUNG CHILDREN

If anyone in the household is under 6

- ☐ **Cabinet latches on cleaning, medication, and tool storage.**
- ☐ **Window guards on every window above the first floor.**
- ☐ **Cords out of reach.**
Window blinds, electrical, extension cords, hair dryers, curling irons.
- ☐ **Plastic bags stored out of reach of children under three.**
- ☐ **Cook on back burners with handles turned inward.**