--- WHEN AWAY ---

Yes  No  
☐  ☐  Suspend newspapers and mail.
☐  ☐  Inform trusted neighbors/friends of your trip and duration of travel.
☐  ☐  Alarm company informed of duration you will be away.

--- ALARM SYSTEM ---

Yes  No  
☐  ☐  Have you considered an alarm system?
☐  ☐  All members of the family have been trained on how to arm and disarm the alarm system.
☐  ☐  Alarm system has a back up power supply.

--- MISCELLANEOUS ---

Yes  No  
☐  ☐  Tool sheds, bikes, and other property kept locked at all times.
☐  ☐  Ladders kept locked or inaccessible.
☐  ☐  Burglary resistant safe or storage container for hiding away valuables.
☐  ☐  Family safety plan including home evacuation route established.

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While no house is completely burglar-proof, you can reduce the chance of becoming a victim by improving your home security. The checklist below will help you survey your home.

--- EXTERIOR ---
- Trees trimmed to maximize eyewitness potential.  
- Spiny, thorny or hostile vegetation around low windows and fencing.  
- Trees and branches located a safe distance from the house to prevent access to second story (if applicable).  
- Property fenced; gates routinely locked.  
- Address clearly labeled and illuminated at night.

--- LIGHTING ---
- Motion activated lights.  
- Well-lit walkways leading to the residence.  
- Adequate illumination to prevent hiding near windows and doors.  
- Lights on from dusk to dawn.

--- WINDOWS ---
- Working lock mechanisms on windows.  
- Windows locked when you are not at home or sleeping.

--- DOORS ---
- Exterior doors made of solid core or metal.  
- A 180-degree peep hole in your front door.  
- Sliding door secured by screws and/or dowel.  
- Strike plates on exterior doors.  
- Deadbolt locks with minimum 1” throw into the door jam.

--- GARAGE ---
- Garage windows and doors secured when not in use.  
- Garage openers removed from vehicles when parked outside.  
- Garage door unplugged when away for extended periods.

--- INTERIOR ---
- Valuable items kept in a safe or off-site safety deposit box.  
- Inventory list of valuables including the serial number and photographs.

For more information or to request a home security inspection call the Irvine Police Crime Prevention Unit at 949-724-7000.