

Hearth and home assessment instrument



- » Answer each question by making a cross (X) in the appropriate column (Yes/No).
- » As soon as you have answered all the questions, count the number of Yes's. You will then achieve a mark out of 30.
- » The aim of the assessment is to give you an indication of how safe you are on your property, as well as to use the negative points to improve the security of your property.

Key: **30/30 = 100%** **27/30 = 90%** **24/30 = 80%** **21/30 = 70%** **18/30 = 60%**

No.	Question	Yes (1)	No (0)
1.	Is there an active neighbourhood watch in your area?		
2.	Do you belong to a neighbourhood watch?		
3.	Is your property fenced in?		
4.	Is there an intercom with which you can communicate with visitors from your residence?		
5.	Is access to your residence controlled with a gate?		
6.	Do you have an electronic access gate at your disposal?		
7.	Is the fencing/wall of such a nature that you have visibility of the street/neighbourhood?		
8.	Are trees on the outside of your property pruned back so that criminals cannot gain access to your property from the trees?		
9.	Are shrubs on the outside of your property pruned back so that criminals cannot hide underneath it?		
10.	Is there sufficient lighting on the outside of your property?		
11.	Is the access gate to your property properly lit up?		
12.	Are there alarm beams outside on your property?		
13.	Is there sufficient lighting right around your house?		
14.	Do the lights on the outside of your house point outside? (In other words it lights up the property and not your house.)		
15.	Are the lights on the outside of your house activated by means of a photocell? (In other words it switches on automatically as soon as the light quality is poor.)		
16.	Are there burglar bars in front of all windows that can open up?		
17.	Are the burglar bars welded and bolted? (If not both then no point is awarded.)		
18.	Are there lattice gates in front of all doors?		
19.	Are the lattice gates SABS approved?		
20.	Do the lattice gates have slam locks?		
21.	Are house keys stored from the sight of visitors?		
22.	Is there a dog that can roam outside on your property but also has access to the house?		
23.	Is there a dog that sleeps inside the house at night?		
24.	Are dogs only fed during the day?		
25.	Do you have contact with your neighbours?		
26.	Do all occupants of the house have the contact details of the neighbours at their disposal?		
27.	Are you a member of a security company with a reaction unit?		
28.	Is the panic button to activate the security company tested regularly?		
29.	Do all occupants of the house know the telephone number of the local SAPS and emergency services? (Stored on cell phone.)		
30.	Does every occupant of the house know what to do in case of an emergency?		
TOTAL			