



# New Homeowner Security Checklist

Essential steps to protect your family and investment

**300%**

LESS LIKELY TO BE TARGETED

**26%**

10-YEAR PROPERTY CRIME RISK IN  
OCALA

**15-25%**

INSURANCE SAVINGS POTENTIAL

# Secure Your Home Before Unpacking



Three essential steps every new homeowner must take immediately

## 1 Change All Locks

Previous owners, contractors, and real estate agents may have copies of your keys. Replace or rekey all exterior door locks, garage doors, and gate locks within 24 hours.

## 2 Test Safety Systems

Test every smoke detector and carbon monoxide alarm. Replace batteries even if they seem to work. Three out of five home fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms.

## 3 Walk Your Property

Inspect all entry points—doors, windows, garage, basement. Check for weak locks, damaged frames, or easy access points that burglars could exploit.



# Layer Your Security for Maximum Protection



Build a comprehensive defense system during your first week

1

## Install Monitored Security System

Homes with visible security systems are **300% less likely** to be targeted. Professional monitoring provides 24/7 protection and emergency response.

2

## Upgrade Entry Points

Install **Grade 1 deadbolts** on all exterior doors. Reinforce door frames with strike plates secured by 3-inch screws. Add window locks or security film.

3

## Improve Outdoor Lighting

Install **motion-sensor lights** at all entry points and dark corners. Well-lit properties deter burglars who prefer to work in darkness.





# Why Ocala Homeowners Need Extra Protection

Understanding your local crime environment helps you make informed security decisions

CRIME METRIC	OCALA, FL	NATIONAL AVERAGE	DIFFERENCE
Overall Crime Rate	<b>3,549</b> per 100k	<b>2,124</b> per 100k	<b>+67% higher</b>
Property Crime Rate	<b>3,188</b> per 100k	<b>1,842</b> per 100k	<b>+73% higher</b>
Annual Risk of Victimization	<b>1 in 29</b> (26%)	<b>1 in 77</b> (13%)	<b>Nearly double</b>

✓ **Good News:** Ocala's crime rate has decreased **4.8% year-over-year**, showing that community safety initiatives and home security investments are making a difference.



# Security Systems Pay for Themselves

Most insurance companies offer substantial discounts for monitored security systems

Burglar Alarm System

**10-20%**

Fire Alarm & Monitoring

**5-10%**

Smoke & CO Detectors

**3-5%**

Water Leak Detection

**2-5%**



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