



# Evaluating the Physical Protection Afforded by a Building

Unauthorized entry into buildings can be gained through building surfaces, such as walls, floors, and roofs, as well as the more conventional openings, such as doors or windows. Evaluate any “No” responses for further action. Factors to consider in evaluating the vulnerabilities of walls, floors, roofs, and accessible openings to unauthorized entry include:

## Walls

	Yes	No	N/A
Are exterior walls of such construction that they would be difficult to penetrate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are there structures, building alcoves, or overgrown foliage that could provide a burglar with cover to attack the walls without fear of being seen?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Should consideration be given to providing burglar alarm protection to exterior walls?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there adequate outside lighting that may serve as a deterrent to burglary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are exterior lighting fixtures protected against breakage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Floors

Is the building of such construction that the floor is readily accessible from underneath?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the floor of such construction that it could not be easily penetrated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can the floor be accessed from underneath through sewers or utility passages?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are basement doors of substantial construction and protected with ironwork, such as gates or bars, installed on the inside behind the door?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are basement windows protected with ironwork, such as burglar screens or bars, installed on the inside behind the glass?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are padlocks that are used to secure sidewalk openings of substantial construction and do they have hardened shackles to resist sawing or cutting?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are padlock security brackets made of special casted material, and are they solidly mounted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Roofs

Are there equipment or structures, such as a ladder or fire escape, which could be used by a burglar to access the roof?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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- Is the roof of such construction that it could not be easily penetrated?
- Are skylights, air vents, and other roof openings protected by a grille or burglar bars, or otherwise secured?

**Accessible Openings**

Yes No N/A

- Are side and rear doors of solid-wood or steel construction and installed in reinforced steel frames?
- Are glass panels on side and rear doors of burglary-resistant glazing material that is listed by Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL), or backed up by such material?
- Are all exterior doors provided with deadbolt locks that have at least a one-inch throw?
- Are side and rear doors provided with supplemental protection, such as a gate, police bar, or four-point locking device?
- Are outward swinging doors provided with hinges that have non-removable pins?
- Is the front of the business (entrance and show windows) protected by a roll-down grille or gate (if aesthetics are of concern, the grille or grate can be installed on the inside of the premises behind the glass surface)?
- Are side and rear windows protected with ironwork, such as burglar screens or bars, installed on the inside behind the glass?
- Are there equipment or structures, such as a ladder or fire escape, which could be used by a burglar to access an upper-story window?

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