

# Home Security Inspections

## Basic Survey

Here is the list of qualifications as set by the Texas Department of Insurance for a possible reduction in homeowner's insurance premiums.

- Exterior doors must be 1 3/8" solid wood or metal clad door. The door may be partial glass or mostly glass as long as the wooden frame is solid wood or metal clad. No hollow core doors on the exterior of the house.
- All exterior doors must have a deadbolt lock with a minimum throw of 1".
- Sliding glass doors must be secured by an additional locking device. Pinning the door is recommended.
- Garage doors must also be secured by an additional locking device. An automatic garage door opener will comply with this requirement.
- Windows must be secured by an additional locking device. This can be accomplished by two different ways. Actual storm windows will qualify for this. Insulated double pane windows do not meet this qualification. If you do not have storm windows you will either need to pin the windows, or purchase an auxiliary locking device from a local building supply store.

If your house meets these requirements, you could be eligible for a 5% reduction in your homeowner's insurance premiums.

Contact the Crime Prevention Unit of the Amarillo Police Department if you have any questions or to set up an appointment.

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