

Smart Home Security Checklist

Every smart device category covered in one checklist.

From the TechODash Smart Home & IoT Security series. Revisit after adding any new device.

FOUNDATIONS (EVERY DEVICE)

- **Default admin passwords have been changed on every device**
Cameras, doorbells, thermostats, and speakers almost all ship with defaults attackers scan for.
- **Smart devices sit on a separate network from your main devices**
Use your router's guest network or an IoT segment so one compromised device can't reach your laptop.
- **Firmware and app updates are current on every device**
Check for a pending update on anything you haven't touched in months.

CAMERAS & DOORBELLS

- **Two-factor authentication is enabled on the camera's account**
The single most effective step against a stranger viewing your feed remotely.
- **Unused remote access and cloud sharing features are disabled**
Every active feature is one more potential way in.
- **Camera placement respects your own and neighbors' privacy**
Avoid pointing cameras beyond your own property, including shared walkways.

SPEAKERS, TVS & THERMOSTATS

- **Voice recording history is reviewed and cleared periodically**
Check your assistant's account settings every few months.
- **Smart TV ad-tracking is disabled**
Look for "Automatic Content Recognition" in your TV's privacy settings and turn it off.
- **Unused smart features are turned off, not left active by default**
A feature you never use is still one an attacker could exploit.

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