PRINTABLE VILLA SECURITY CHECKLIST BEFORE LEAVING SPAIN

Use this printable villa security checklist before leaving your property unoccupied in Spain. It is designed specifically for villas and second homes that may remain empty for extended periods.

Physical Security Check

☐	Lock all external doors securely
☐	Double-check sliding patio doors are fully closed and locked
☐	Secure all ground-floor and accessible windows
☐	Lock garage doors, storage rooms, and side entrances
☐	Remove spare keys from outside hiding places
☐	Close and secure roof terrace access points (if applicable)
☐	Lock boundary gates and confirm fence access points are secured
☐	Ensure utility access panels are closed and locked

Alarm System & Detection Check

☐	Arm the alarm system before departure
☐	Confirm perimeter detection devices are active (if installed)
☐	Confirm outdoor motion detectors are active and unobstructed
☐	Test at least one internal motion detector
☐	Confirm door/window contact sensors are responding correctly
☐	Check the system arms and disarms normally
☐	Verify mobile app connectivity and login access
☐	Confirm alert notifications are received on your phone
☐	Check communication signal status (Wi-Fi / SIM)
☐	Confirm backup battery or power protection is active
☐	Ensure all device battery levels show good status

Visibility & Deterrence Check

☐	Ensure exterior lighting is working (entrances, driveway, garden areas)
☐	Remove ladders, tools, or items that could assist entry
☐	Store valuable outdoor furniture and equipment securely
☐	Ensure alarm signage or visible deterrents are clearly displayed (if used)
☐	Check shutters and blinds are secured appropriately
☐	Confirm gates and access paths are clearly visible and unobstructed

Occupancy Appearance Check

☐	Set lighting timers or smart lighting schedules
☐	Arrange regular garden maintenance
☐	Stop, redirect, or secure post deliveries
☐	Avoid leaving shutters permanently closed for long periods (where possible)
☐	Inform a trusted neighbour or contact of your absence (optional)
☐	Avoid posting travel details publicly while away

Long Absence Protection Check (30+ Days)

☐	Arrange periodic property checks by a trusted person
☐	Confirm perimeter detection covers gates, terraces, and boundary access routes
☐	Ensure the alarm system remains active at all times
☐	Confirm remote monitoring access works from your location abroad
☐	Save emergency contact details in case an alert is triggered
☐	Review your response plan if a security notification is received

Final Pre-Departure Confirmation

☐	Walk around the full exterior of the villa one final time
☐	Confirm the alarm system is fully armed before leaving
☐	Lock all final exit points securely