



Residential Security Survey



Home Security Quiz — How Secure Is Your Home?

SECURITY LANDSCAPING

Yes No

Are the bushes and shrubs trimmed to the lower edge of the window down to a maximum height of 3 feet?

Are the trees cut up 6-7 feet off the ground?

Have "aggressive" plants, such as cactus or bougainvillea been planted in places that a thief might hide or around fences to prevent anyone from jumping into the yard?



MISCELLANEOUS SECURITY

Yes No

Are all secondary outside entrances to the house, such as a basement or an attic, secured?

Is every bicycle secured with a U-bar or disc lock and chain?

Are all grills, lawn mowers and other outside items secured in a locked shed or the garage when not in use?

If there is a safe inside the home, has it been hidden and bolted down?

If the house has an alarm, it is armed whenever the residents are inside?

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

Yes No

Is the home inventory complete and up-to-date?

Keep an up-dated home inventory, documenting all serial numbers, taking pictures and/ or engraving a driver's license number on all items, especially guns, computers and TV's. Window stickers are available for participants.

"One of the best crime prevention tools is having a good neighbor and being one."

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Joining or starting up a Neighborhood Watch is one way to supplement the security of your home. Getting to know your neighbors, learning who lives in the community, which children live in which house and who drives what vehicles is one way to spot a stranger or recognize suspicious activity.

The Neighborhood Watch program gets everyone together in a fun, non-threatening and social atmosphere. Neighbors can share phone numbers, email addresses and other personal information to keep in contact so that everyone knows what is happening in the community. When everyone works together, everyone benefits.

For more information on Neighborhood Watch or to schedule a FREE personalized residential security assessment, call your Crime Prevention Officer:

Residential Security Survey - How Secure Is Your Home?

Use this survey as a guide to check your home for safety measures. A 'no' answer may indicate an area where you could take action to improve your home's security and help decrease the likelihood that your home is targeted for crime. A FREE residential security assessment is available by your Crime Prevention Officer.

EXTERIOR DOORS / LOCKS

Yes No

Are all exterior doors solid hardwood or metal ? Yes No

Do all exterior doors, including the door from the house to the garage, have a single or double cylinder deadbolt lock with a 1-inch throw? Yes No

Are the strike plates secured with 4 screws of at least 2 1/2 inches long? Yes No

Does the front door have an eye viewer with at least 180 degree angle, at a height everyone can use? Yes No

Does the front door have a metal security screen door? Yes No

Do all of the sliding glass doors have an anti-lift device, such screws in the upper track, a dowel in the lower track, a pin lock or a "Charlie-bar", and do they have any additional locking devices ? Yes No

When you are home and inside, are the doors kept locked to prevent intruders? Yes No

When someone knocks on the door, do you let the person know you are home, even if you do not answer the door? Yes No

Is the garage door opener disconnected and locked when no one is going to be home for an extended period of time? Yes No

Does the garage door have a lock that can secure the door at night? Yes No

Is the garage door closed when no one is in the garage or outdoors? Yes No

Is the doggy door shut or secured when not in use? Yes No



WINDOW SECURITY

Yes No

Are all the skylights secured? Yes No

Are the supplementary locks, such as thumbscrew or pin locks, used to secure the windows? Yes No

Are screws placed in the header or dowels placed in the tracks used to help secure the window or sliding door from being lifted out? Yes No

Is window security laminate used on all windows that are more susceptible of being broken to gain entry? Yes No



"Lighting is your #1 crime prevention tool!"

LIGHTING

Yes No

Are the outside lights kept on all night ? Yes No

Are either 'dusk-to-dawn' lighting or motion sensor lighting used at night to supplement the porch or patio lights? Yes No

Are motion sensor lights directed at the point of entry that you are trying to protect? Yes No

Does the lighting prevent shadowing from shrubs, trees or vehicles inadvertently providing hiding places? Yes No

Is there lighting available to make sure the house address is visible at night? Yes No

Are the interior lights on timers when the residents are away to make the house appear occupied? Yes No



OUTDOOR SECURITY

Yes No

Are the back and side yard gates kept locked? Yes No

Are the exterior structures, such as tool sheds or extra garages kept locked? Yes No

Is the circuit box locked? Yes No

Are lights used to illuminate the sidewalk or walkways to the house? Yes No