

Home Security Survey Checklist

As a service to the citizens of Greenwood County, members of the Community Services Division will provide an on-site visit and can conduct a home crime prevention survey at your request. This service is provided at no charge as part of the ongoing crime prevention efforts by the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office. Contact Captain Dale Kittles at 864.943.8057

This checklist was designed to help you make a security survey of your own home.

The first purpose of a home security inspection is to identify features in your home or daily routines of your family, which might make your home an easy target for a burglar.

The security inspection should begin at your front door, include an inspection of all your Doors, windows, locks, lights, and landscaping. Each question on the checklist, which you answer no, indicates a security weakness or hazard that requires your attention.

DOORS:

1. Does door have 180 degree peep hole?
2. Are locks that can be opened from inside at least 40 inches from glass?
3. Are entrance doors solid core?
4. Do they have dead bolt locks?
5. If hinge pins are outside, are they removable?
6. Does door securely fit doorjamb?
7. Is doorjamb tightly fastened?
8. Is strike plate securely fastened to doorjamb?
9. Does bolt extend sufficiently into strike plate?
10. Have locks been re-keyed since you moved in?

WINDOWS:

11. Have double hung windows been pinned?
12. Do metal windows have auxiliary locks?
13. Can windows left open for ventilation be secured?
14. Do basement windows have auxiliary locks?
15. Do curtains or drapes fully cover window?
16. Is window air conditioner secured from inside?

GARAGE:

17. Does door close tightly?
18. Does overhead door have a track padlock?
19. Is padlock of high quality?
20. Is hasp of high quality, installed without screws showing?
21. Do you keep overhead door closed and locked when not in use?

- 22. Do you remove vehicle keys when garage is locked?
- 23. Can garage light be turned on from inside home?

EXTERIOR:

- 24. Do you belong to a NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH Program?
- 25. Are shrubs cut below window level?
- 26. Are tree limbs cut above window level?
- 27. Is residence number visible from street?
- 28. Can mailbox be locked?
- 29. Is front door well lit?
- 30. Is back door well lit?
- 31. Are bicycles, mowers, ladders kept inside?
- 32. Have you engraved property and logged identifying numbers?

VACATIONS:

- 33. Do you stop deliveries?
- 34. Do you notify police?
- 35. Do you notify neighbors?
- 36. Do you set light timers?
- 37. Is your yard taken care of?
- 38. Do you arrange for hand bills to be picked up?

ADDITIONAL CRIME CHECKS:

- 39. If you need a non-lethal weapon for self-protection, do you have a safe, chemical device?
- 40. If you have a gun, is it kept secured?
- 41. Do you keep most of your cash in the bank?
- 42. Do you keep a list of all valuable property, credit cards and serial numbers?
- 43. Do you keep this list in a safe place?
- 44. Do you avoid displaying valuables to strangers?