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Residential Security Assessment

Use this as a guide as you check your home for safety measures. Boxes marked "No" indicate areas where you could take action to improve your home's security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted. After the security assessment is completed, this form will be emailed to you (or copied) by the officer that conducted the assessment.

Date: _____ Time: _____ Officer: _____

Name of Resident: _____ Location: _____

Email Address: _____

Exterior Doors **YES** **NO**

All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house - even if it's just for a few minutes.

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.

Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.

If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.

All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed in the frame of the door.

Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge or in the mailbox.

Garage and Sliding Door Security

The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.

The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.

Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.

The sliding glass door has a strong working key locks.

A dowel or a pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.

<u>Protecting Windows</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
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Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.

Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation.

Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.

Outdoor Security

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.

There are no dark areas around the house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.

Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors.

Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.

Outdoor lights are on in the evening - whether someone is at home or not or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed.

Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.

Security When Away From Home

At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence, when we are away from home for an extended period of time.

The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave the home.

Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time.

A neighbor has been asked to tend to the yard and watch our home when we are away.

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high security, laminated padlocks.

Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.

Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.

Every bicycle is secured with a U-Bar lock or quality padlock and chain.

Bicycles are always locked, even if we just leave them for a minute.

Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.

Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos, tools and computers have been inscribed with identifying information so that recovery may be more likely if stolen.

Our home inventory is up to date and includes photographs. A complete copy is kept someone out of the house.