



NOBLESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Neighborhood Crime Watch Program

Residential Security Checklist

Doors and Entry Areas		Yes	No
1.	Are your exterior doors of solid core construction?		
2.	Do entry doors have a wide-angle viewer?		
3.	Are your door locks secure from being opened if a burglar breaks out glass or a panel of light wood?		
4.	Do exterior doors have a cylinder-type deadbolt lock with at least one inch throw or beveled cylinder guard?		
5.	Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or some similar security device that can be operated only from the inside?		
6.	Can all of your doors (basement, patio, balcony) be securely locked?		
7.	Do your basement doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of your house?		
8.	Are your locks in good repair?		
9.	Are the door strike plates (the jam fastening that receives the bolt in the lock position) installed with three (3) inch screws?		
10.	Do you know everyone who has a key to your house? (Or are there some still in the possession of the previous homeowners or friends?)		
11.	Do all out-swinging doors have the hinges pinned or have non-removable pins?		
12.	Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery and other décor to permit maximum visibility?		
13.	Does the porch light have a minimum 60 watt bulb?		
14.	Do sliding doors have an auxiliary lock that locks both the door panels together or active side to the frame?		
15.	Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp, or other good auxiliary lock? Do you use them?		
16.	Do you lock your garage door(s) at night or whenever you are not in the garage?		
17.	Do you lock your garage door(s) when you are away from home?		
18.	Is the interior door from your garage to your house treated as an exterior door in terms of security? (solid core, deadbolt, etc.)		
19.	Do you lock your car and take the keys out even when it is parked in your garage?		

Windows		Yes	No
20.	Are all windows equipped with auxiliary key locks or pinned?		
21.	Have you replaced or secured louvered windows?		
22.	Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?		
23.	Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?		
24.	Do you use locks that allow you to lock a window that is partially opened?		
25.	Do you have good, secure locks on garage windows?		
26.	Do you have garage windows covered with curtains?		
27.	Are you careful of basement and second floor windows as you are of those on the first floor?		

Lighting and Landscaping		Yes	No
28.	Are lights installed around the perimeter of your house?		
29.	Is the front door well lit?		
30.	Is the back door or any other auxiliary door well lit?		
31.	Do you keep your driveway lit with garage coach lights or lawn light?		
32.	Do you avoid changing exterior lights to different colors during holiday or seasonal periods? (green/red lights for Christmas, orange for Halloween)		
33.	Are the exterior lights controlled by photocell?		

Lighting and Landscaping, continued		Yes	No
34.	Is the public or residence lighting sufficient to illuminate all the sides of the house?		
35.	Are your trees and shrubbery trimmed to eliminate hiding places?		
36.	Are shrubbery and bushes trimmed to a maximum height of no more than 36 inches?		
37.	Are large trees trimmed so the lower branches are more than 7 feet off the ground?		
38.	Are ground plants under windows maintained at a height that is below the windowsill?		

Safe Practices		Yes	No
39.	Do you belong to a Neighborhood Watch Program?		
40.	Do you keep a detailed list of all valuable property to include make, model, serial number and a photo (TV, VCR/DVD, stereo equipment, etc.)?		
41.	Do you engrave your own identification numbers on items that do not have serial numbers?		
42.	Do you avoid unnecessary display or publicity of your valuables?		
43.	Do you keep excess cash and other valuables in a bank?		
44.	Do you plan so that you do not need a "hide-a-key" on your property?		
45.	Have you discussed with your family what to do if they discover a burglar breaking in or already in the house?		
46.	Have you told your family to immediately leave the residence and contact the Noblesville Police Department if they come home and discover that a burglary has occurred?		
47.	Do you have emergency phone numbers listed by your telephone?		
48.	Is your house number illuminated and easily visible from the street during all hours?		
49.	Have you locked up your ladder and avoided trellises or drainpipes that could be used by a burglar to climb to the second floor or roof?		

Leaving for Vacation		Yes	No
50.	Did you stop all deliveries and arrange a trusted neighbor or family member to pick up your mail, newspaper and packages?		
51.	Did you ask a trusted neighbor to watch your residence while you were away?		
52.	Did you leave your vacation address and telephone number with a trusted neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency?		
53.	Did you test your smoke and burglar alarms?		
54.	Did you arrange for someone to mow your lawn, rake leaves and maintain your yard to give the home a lived in look?		
55.	Did you plug in timers to turn on lights, radio or television on and off at appropriate times?		
56.	Did you turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low?		
57.	If you have call forwarding, did you have your calls forwarded to a trusted friend or relative?		
58.	Did you leave the shades and blinds in a normal position?		
59.	Did you close and lock garage doors and windows?		
60.	Did you ask a neighbor to park in your driveway so it appears someone is home?		
61.	Did you arrange for your garbage to be putout on trash day?		
62.	Did you complete a Vacation House Check form provided by the Noblesville Police Department prior to leaving for vacation?		

Vehicle		Yes	No
63.	Do you always lock your vehicle when it is left unattended even for the shortest of time?		
64.	Do you always roll up all windows and close the sunroof completely when the vehicle is left unattended?		
65.	Do you refrain from leaving your vehicle unattended when it is running (warming it up in the winter months, running into the store, etc.)?		
66.	Do you remove or secure all valuables in the trunk when leaving the vehicle unattended?		
67.	Is your garage door opener stored out of sight in the vehicle?		
68.	Do you lock your car and remove the keys even when it is parked inside your garage?		

