



BLOOMFIELD POLICE

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HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

As a service to the residents of Bloomfield, members of the Community Policing Unit will provide an on-site visit and can conduct a home crime prevention survey at your request. This survey is provided at no charge as part of the ongoing crime prevention efforts in the township.

Below are many of the items discussed during an on-site visit or you may also use this as a guide for your own home 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.

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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If there are glass panels in or near doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in a mailbox.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Garage and Sliding Door Security

YES NO

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.

All garage doors are locked when leaving the house.

The sliding glass door has 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.

The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.

Protecting windows

YES NO

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.

Outdoor Security

YES NO

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

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

Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.

Outdoor lights are on in the evening – whether someone is home or not, or a 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

YES NO

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

The motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave 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 for a period of time.

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

Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property

YES NO

Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are 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 & chain.

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

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

Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos and computers have been inscribed with an identifying number.

Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete inventory is kept somewhere out of the house.

Recommendations and Comments

