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POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Home Security Survey

This checklist can be used as a “do-it-yourself” guide to gauge your home’s security. Any boxes checked “No” are areas where actions can be taken to improve the security of your home. If you would like to learn more about home security, you can contact the Avon Police Department. The Department also conducts in-depth Home Security Surveys at no cost to residents. To schedule a survey, contact the Police Department and ask for Lt. Keith Haag.

Neighborhood Security

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| 1. Does your neighborhood have a community or neighborhood watch? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Can your home be seen by your neighbors? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you know your neighbors? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Have you spoken with your neighbors about home security? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. If you have an alarm system, do you set your alarm whenever you are away from home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Is your alarm registered with the Avon Police Department? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Exterior Security

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| 7. Is your house number visible from the street? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Are your bushes, trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate areas for a person to hide near your doors and windows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Is your house well lit at night to illuminate all exterior doors and windows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Do you leave your exterior lights on every night regardless of whether you are home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Do you use photo cells or motion detectors on your exterior lights? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Do you routinely lock your door every time you leave your home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Are your entrance doors solid core and strong enough to resist force? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Do your doors have a deadbolt with at least a 2 inch throw? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Are all latch plates secured with at least 3 inch screws? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Do your exterior doors having glass within 40 inches of the lock have double-cylinder deadbolts? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Do your exterior doors without glass have a wide angle door viewer installed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Have your door locks been changed since you moved in? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Do your sliding glass doors have any type of additional security installed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Do you close your overhead garage door when you are away or inside the house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. Do you secure your overhead garage door with a lock when you are away? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. Do you lock the door between your attached garage and your home when you | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 23. Do all your windows have secure locks on them? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24. Do your windows have pins or other security that allow them to provide ventilation while maintaining security? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25. Do you lock your windows at night or when you are away? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 26. Are gate latches and outbuildings locked at night or when you are away? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 27. Do you secure lawn equipment, bicycles and other valuables when they are not in use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 28. Do you remove valuables from vehicles that are left outside? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 29. Do you lock your vehicles when you are not using them? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 30. Is the area where your vehicles are parked well lit? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Interior Security

Yes No

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| 31. Do you use automatic lights or timers on lights, TVs and radios in your house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 32. Does your house appear that someone is home whether there actually is or not? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 33. Do you have a safe or other way of securing firearms and other valuables? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 34. Have you recorded the make, model and serial number or all of your valuables and have a copy somewhere outside your house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 35. Have you etched any identifying marks on your electronics or other valuables? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 36. Have you taken photographs of valuables including jewelry, china and crystal? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 39. Does your telephone answering machine announce that you are not at home? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 40. Do you record and keep in a secure place your credit card and ATM numbers as well as phone numbers for cancelling them should they get stolen? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 41. Do you have a working cell phone in your home in case your home phone is out? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 42. Do you keep a phone near you when you are home in case of an emergency? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 43. Do you have a room in your home where you could secure yourself and your family and still contact police in case of an emergency? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 44. Do you have working smoke detectors in your house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 45. Do you have working carbon monoxide detectors in your house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Security When You Are Away

Yes No

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| 46. Do you stop deliveries such as the mail and newspapers while you are going to be away? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 47. Do you ask someone to maintain your property while you are away? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 48. Do you ask a trusted person to watch your home while you are away? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 49. Do you leave a key with a trusted person while you are away? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 50. Do you arrange for someone to stop by and check your residence when you are away for longer periods of time? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 51. Do you request that the Avon Police Department add you to their vacation watch when you are away for 3 or more days? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |