

HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST



GROVE CITY DIVISION OF POLICE

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(614) 277-1710 ... Non-Emergency

911 ... Emergency

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CHIEF STEVEN R ROBINETTE



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Grove City Division of Police Chief Steven R. Robinette

Grove City Resident,

The Grove City Division of Police prides itself on a Community Oriented style of policing. Community Oriented Policing is a joint effort between the police department and the community that identifies problems related to crime and the search for a solution. Effective community policing helps to reduce the fear of crime and improves the quality of life in Grove City.

It is very important to all members of the Grove City Division of Police that residents are familiar with their local law enforcement agency and the programs that are offered. These programs include our Don't Tempt a Thief Program, Crime Alert Program, and our new Home Security Checklist Program.

This Home Security Checklist was designed to provide you with important security tips and information to help prevent you and your loved ones from becoming victims of crime. Please contact the Crime Prevention office if you would like further information.

Together we can work in the fight against crime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven R. Robinette". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "R".

Chief Steven R. Robinette

Doors

	Yes	No
1. Are your locks all in good working order?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do exterior doors have a wide-angle viewer (peep hole)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are locks at least 40 inches from glass?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you keep your garage entry door locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you keep the garage overhead door closed and secured?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Did you change the garage door opener code after moving in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are all exterior doors of metal or solid core construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Do all exterior doors have cylinder-type deadbolt locks, heavy-duty bolts, or another secure device that can be operated from inside only?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Does bolt extend sufficiently into strike plate (one full inch)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Is strike plate secured properly (3" screws recommended)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. If hinge pins are outside, are they non-removable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Have all exterior locks been re-keyed since you moved in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Do you plan to keep a key with a trusted family member, friend, or neighbor, not hidden outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Windows

	Yes	No
1. Are all window locks properly and securely mounted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you keep windows locked whenever you shut them?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you have garage windows covered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are garage windows locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do curtains or blinds fully cover all of your windows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Exterior

	Yes	No
1. Do you belong to the BlockWatch Program?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are all shrubs cut below window level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are all tree limbs cut above window level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are address numbers visible from the street (at least 3 inches high) during all hours?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is your front entry door well lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is your back door well lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is your garage door well lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Are your ladders locked away to prevent second floor access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Is all lawn furniture and lawn equipment locked away or out of public view?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Are any valuables inside your home visible from the outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional Checks

	Yes	No
1. If you own guns are they kept unloaded, in a safe place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you have a home inventory kept in a secure location?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you have photos or videotapes of your home and property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you always lock your car and take the keys out?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Are any valuables left in your vehicle out of plain view, including your garage door opener?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you have emergency phone numbers listed by your telephone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Do your children know how to use 9-1-1?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Have you told your family to leave the house quickly, undisturbed and to immediately call the police if they discover a burglary has been committed in your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Vacations

	Yes	No
1. Do you arrange to have mail/newspapers stopped or picked up by a friend or neighbor while you are gone?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you double check all doors and windows to be sure they are locked?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you have your lights on a timer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you notify the police and fill out a Housewatch form?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you leave your itinerary with relative/friend/neighbor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you leave a number you can be reached in case of an emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Does someone have a key to your home in case of an emergency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Did you ask a trusted neighbor to watch your house while you are away?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Crime Prevention



Cyber BlockWatch

One of the most visible and fastest growing of the community crime prevention programs. Members receive quarterly newsletters via email and are alerted with criminal activity watches. You can also join or start a BlockWatch in your neighborhood. Membership forms are in our Cyber BlockWatch pamphlets.

Crime Alerts

Members receive current crime trend information via email alerts. Information may include: criminal activity in specific areas, crime trends to watch for, recent scam patterns, and suspect photos. Membership forms are in our Crime Alert pamphlets.



CRIME MAPPING

NEW! Now you can find out information on criminal activity in Grove City or in your own neighborhood. Information on reported crimes over the past 30 days is available by clicking on the Crime Mapping link at **POLICE.GROVECITYOHIO.GOV.**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

*Keep this checklist and phone listing near your phone.
Add any additional emergency phone numbers or work
numbers on the blank lines.*

- Police/Fire/Medical Emergency.....911**

- Police Non-Emergency.....277-1710**

- Police Administration.....277-1700**

- Police Anonymous Tip Line.....277-1808**

- Grove City Administration.....277-3000**

- Poison Control.....228-1323**

- Animal Control.....462-3400**

- Columbia Gas Emergency.....461-1576**

- American Electric Power Emergency.....1-800-277-2177**

- Alarm Company _____**
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
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- _____

RECORD YOUR VALUABLES

It is very important to keep a written record of your valuables. A home inventory can be very helpful in cases of theft, robbery, flooding and fire. A list should include: make, model, serial numbers and any other distinguishing marks. If possible you should also include photos or video tape of your valuables. This record and any photos or video tapes should be kept in a fireproof safe or a safe deposit box.

Automobiles, Motorcycles and Motor Scooters

Year	Make	Model/Color	License #	Serial/VIN#

Bicycles

Make	Model	Color	GC Bike Lic#	Serial #

Computers, Cell Phones, PDAs

Item	Make	Model	Serial#

Video Cameras, Still Cameras and Binoculars

Item	Make	Model	Serial#

Power Tools and Lawn Equipment

Item	Make	Model	Serial#

Other Property

Item	Make	Model	Serial#



The Grove City Division of Police

“The mission of the Grove City Division of Police is to serve and protect all by providing professional law enforcement services in partnership with the community.”



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