

# Security CHECKLIST

*A Guide for Homeowners*



## Grove City

*Division of*

# POLICE

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The Grove City Division of Police officers practice a community-oriented method of policing. This approach employs a partnership between the officers and the community to identify crime concerns and jointly develop solutions. Effective community policing reduces the fear of crime and improves the City's quality of life.

Whether you've lived in your home for two weeks or two years, use this list to make your home a safer place for you and your loved ones.

If you're like most homeowners, you may not know about all of the things that would make your home vulnerable.

This home security checklist helps assess possible weaknesses. The boxes you mark "no" indicate areas you can improve to make your home more secure.

## Doors

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

## Windows

1. Are all window locks properly and securely mounted?  Yes  No
2. Do you keep windows locked after you shut them?  Yes  No
3. Are garage windows covered?  Yes  No
4. Are garage windows locked?  Yes  No
5. Do curtains or blinds fully cover all of your windows?  Yes  No

## Exterior

1. Do you belong to a BlockWatch Program?  Yes  No
2. Are all shrubs cut below window level?  Yes  No
3. Are all tree limbs cut above window level?  Yes  No
4. Are address numbers visible from the street (at least 3" high)?  Yes  No
5. Are your front entry, back and garage doors well lit?  Yes  No
6. Are your ladders locked away to prevent second-floor access?  Yes  No
7. Is all lawn furniture and lawn equipment locked away or out of public view?  Yes  No
8. Are valuables inside your home not visible from the outside?  Yes  No

## Additional Safeguards

1. If you own guns are they kept unloaded in a locked and safe place?  Yes  No
2. Do you have a home inventory list in a secure location?  Yes  No
3. Do you have photos or videotapes of your home and property?  Yes  No
4. Do you always lock your car and take the keys with you?  Yes  No
5. Are valuables left in your vehicle out of plain view, including your garage door opener?  Yes  No
6. Do you have a list of emergency phone numbers near your phone?  Yes  No
7. Do your children know how to use 9-1-1?  Yes  No
8. Have you told your family to leave the house quickly without disturbing anything and immediately call the police if they discover a burglary has been committed in your home?  Yes  No

## Vacations

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

## Record Your Valuables

It is important to keep a written record of your valuables in the event of theft, robbery, flooding or fire. A list should include: make, model, serial numbers and any other distinguishing marks. If possible, include photos or video of your valuables. This record and photos or video should be kept in a fireproof safe or a safe-deposit box.

## Automobiles, Motorcycles and Motor Scooters

Year | Make | Model | Color | License No. | Serial/VIN No.

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## Bicycles

Make | Model | Color | Bike License No. | Serial No.

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## Guns

Make | Model | Caliber | Serial No.

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## Televisions, VCRs, DVD Players and Stereo Equipment

Item | Make | Model | Serial No.

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## Computers, Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

Item | Make | Model | Serial No.

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## Video Cameras, Still Cameras and Binoculars

Item | Make | Model | Serial No.

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## Power Tools and Lawn Equipment

Item | Make | Model | Serial No.

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## Other Property

Item | Make | Model | Serial No.

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## Credit Cards

Card Name | Card Type | Card No. | Expiration

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## Personal Finance/Insurance Listing

Bank/Insurance Co. | Type of Account | Account/Reference No.

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# important numbers

**EMERGENCY: 9-1-1**

**Police Non-emergency: 614-277-1710**

**Crime Prevention: 614-277-1765**

**Anonymous Tipline: 614-277-1808**

**Detective Bureau: 614-277-1750**

**crime map**



Find your neighborhood's criminal activity on the Crime Mapping tool at [Police.GroveCityOhio.gov](http://Police.GroveCityOhio.gov).

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