

SAMPLE HOME SECURITY SURVEY

DOORS

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| 1. Does the door have a 180-degree peephole? | YES | NO |
| 2. Are locks that can be opened from the outside at least 40 inches from the glass? | YES | NO |
| 3. Are the entrance doors solid core? | YES | NO |
| 4. Do the doors have dead bolt locks? | YES | NO |
| 5. If hinge pins are outside, are they non-removable? | YES | NO |
| 6. Does the door securely fit the doorjamb? | YES | NO |
| 7. Is the door jam tightly fastened? | YES | NO |
| 8. Is the strike plate securely fastened to the door jamb? | YES | NO |
| 9. Does the dead bolt extend sufficiently into the strike plate? | YES | NO |
| 10. Have locks been re-keyed since you moved in? | YES | NO |

WINDOWS

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| 11. Have double hung windows been pinned? | YES | NO |
| 12. Do metal windows have auxiliary locks? | YES | NO |
| 13. Can windows which are open for ventilation, be secured? | YES | NO |
| 14. Do basement windows have auxiliary locks? | YES | NO |
| 15. Do curtains or drapes fully cover windows? | YES | NO |
| 16. Is window air conditioner secured from inside? | YES | NO |

GARAGE

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| 17. Does the door close tightly? | YES | NO |
| 18. Does the overhead door have a track padlock? | YES | NO |
| 19. Is the padlock of high quality? | YES | NO |
| 20. Is the hasp of high quality, with no screws showing? | YES | NO |
| 21. Do you keep the overhead door closed and locked at all times? | YES | NO |
| 22. Do you remove vehicle keys when the garage is locked? | YES | NO |
| 23. Can the garage light be turned on from inside the house? | YES | NO |

EXTERIOR

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| 24. Do you belong to a Neighborhood Watch Program? | YES | NO |
| 25. Are your shrubs cut below window level? | YES | NO |
| 26. Are tree limbs cut above window level? | YES | NO |
| 27. Is your address number visible from the street? | YES | NO |
| 28. Can your mailbox be locked? | YES | NO |
| 29. Is the front door area well lit? | YES | NO |
| 30. Is the back door area well lit? | YES | NO |
| 31. Are bicycles, mowers, power tools, or ladders kept inside or in a locked area? | YES | NO |
| 32. Have you recorded serial numbers or engraved property with your Social Security Number? | YES | NO |

VACATION

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| 33. Do you stop deliveries? | YES | NO |
| 34. Do you notify the Akron Police Department? | YES | NO |
| 35. Do you have a trusted friend or relative check your
home while you are away? | YES | NO |
| 36. Is your yard taken care of while you are away? | YES | NO |
| 37. Do you set your lights on timers? | YES | NO |
| 38. Do you arrange for hand bills to be picked up? | YES | NO |

ADDITIONAL CRIME CHECKS

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| 39. If you have a handgun, is it kept secured? | YES | NO |
| 40. Do you keep most of your cash in the bank? | YES | NO |
| 41. Is your homeowner's insurance policy up to date? | YES | NO |
| 42. Do you keep a list of all your valuable property, credit
cards, and serial numbers? | YES | NO |
| 43. Do you keep the list in a safe place? | YES | NO |
| 44. Do you avoid displaying valuables to strangers? | YES | NO |

***** THIS SURVEY IS FOR YOUR OWN PRIVATE USE ONLY *****

SAMPLE REPORTING SUSPICIOUS PERSONS AND ACTIVITIES

We must all work together in an effort to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. One method by which we can accomplish this goal is to strive to reduce criminal opportunities through an active Neighborhood Watch program. This program requires that we be both observant and aware of persons and events in our neighborhood. We must learn to recognize happenings of a suspicious nature and overcome any reluctance we might have in reporting these observations to the Akron Police Department. The following is a general list of activities, which should be reported to the police:

1. Subject(s) forcing entry into a house, garage, or vehicle.
2. Subject(s) running from a house.
3. Subject(s) walking around house, checking doors, windows, etc., or who appears to be attempting to hide from view.
4. Subject(s) who rings the doorbell and then go to the rear of the house.
5. Subject(s) loitering in the neighborhood or who appear out of place or are unknown to you.
6. Anyone with a weapon.
7. Any unusual noise, regarding the time of day; for example, a scream, breaking glass, loud crashing sound, prying, or any audible alarm.
8. Subject(s) carrying what may be loot; for instance, radios, TV's, stereo equipment, or large sacks, bags or pillowcases, which appear to be full.
9. Any strange car that is parked on the street or in your neighbor's driveway.
10. A solicitor who does not appear to have a valid reason for coming to your door; seems overly aggressive or forceful; appears hesitant; does a lot of unnecessary

looking around; or asks unusual questions concerning you, or your neighbor's daily schedule or habits.

In order for this information to be useful to the police department, it must be reported as soon as possible—immediately if practical. When reporting this information, remember you should attempt to **GET AN ACCURATE DESCRIPTION OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND VEHICLES INVOLVED, INCLUDING LICENSE PLATES NUMBERS.**