

ELK POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT HOME SECURITY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

If anything can go wrong, it will go wrong while you are on vacation, which is arguably the worst time a household calamity can strike. Coming home from your honeymoon, African Safari or Mediterranean cruise can be gloomy. But returning from a memorable journey and learning something has gone seriously wrong at home can be downright devastating.

To make matters worse, a house or apartment left empty while its owners are traveling is a tempting target for criminals. We don't want to scare you or leave you fearing for your belongings while basking on a Caribbean Beach but its imperative that every traveler take certain key steps to keep his or her home safe while they are away. By going through this checklist and seeing how your home scores, you can get an idea of things to improve or change to make your home more secure.

All Information provided on this form is strictly confidential.

Checks in the red column indicate security weaknesses or hazards that require attention.

DATE / TIME OF INSPECTION: _____

NAME OF HOMEOWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATES YOU WILL BE GONE: _____ EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

FRONT ENTRANCE

YES NO RECOMMENDATIONS

Are all exterior doors of metal or solid wood construction?

Are all door frames strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?

Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?

Are exterior doors free of windows or other openings (mail slot, pet door) within 40 inches of the lock?

Is door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?

Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?

If there are no windows in door, is there a wide-angle viewer or voice intercom device?

Are all screen or storm doors secured with adequate locks?

Are all entrances well-lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can front entrance be observed from street or public areas?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are porch and landscaping free of concealment from street or public view?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is shrubbery trimmed for visibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are address numbers a minimum of 4 inches in height?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are address numbers clearly visible from the street?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all door locks adequate and in good working order?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your mailbox securable with a locking mechanism, so that strangers cannot remove your mail?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SIDE OR REAR ENTRANCE

	YES	NO	RECOMMENDATIONS
Are all exterior doors of metal or solid wood construction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is doorframe strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are door hinges protected from removal from outside?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are exterior doors free of windows or other openings (mail slot, pet door) within 40 inches of the lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1-inch throw?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3-inch screws?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the exterior of the doorway well-lighted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are all doorways clear of obstruction from street or neighbors view (i.e. porch, fence, or landscaping)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does doorway have screen or storm door with adequate lock?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If door is sliding glass, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is a "charley-bar" or key-operated lock used on sliding glass door?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If your house has an alley, are address numbers posted facing the alley, at a minimum of 4 inches in height?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS

Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?

YES NO

Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?

Are all windows clear of areas that offer special risk to burglary?

If so, do these windows have security screens or grills?

Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structure or landscaping?

Is exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?

Can your front windows be seen from the street?

UPPER FLOOR WINDOWS

Are all upper floor windows far away from porch or garage roofs, or roofs of adjoining buildings, to prevent access?

YES NO

If so, are they secured as adequately as if they were at ground level?

Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from upper floor windows?

Are all ladders stored securely, so they are not accessible?

INSIDE THE HOUSE

Are timers used to simulate normal activities in the house?

YES NO

Have you engraved or photographed your personal property for easy identification?

Is the circuit box locked or secured?

GARAGE

Is the automobile-entrance door to the garage equipped with an adequate locking device?

YES NO

Is garage door kept closed and locked at all times?

Are all garage windows secured adequately?

Is outside utility entrance to garage as secure as required for any ground floor entrance?

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Are all garage entrances well-lighted on the outside?

Are all entrances to living quarters from garage of metal or solid wood construction?

Does the door from the garage to inside the house have adequate locks?

HOME ALARM

YES NO

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Do you have an alarm system?

Are all doors and windows alarmed?

Is there a motion sensor inside the house?

Are alarm system warning signs and stickers displayed?
(Even if there is no alarm system)

Does the Police Department have current emergency contact information?

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS

NAME OF OFFICER(S): _____ BADGE NO. _____