**Atlantic Beach Police Department**

**Home Security Checklist**

The following survey is designed to help homeowners and residents identify security-related vulnerabilities around their property that may cause criminals to target their homes. If you answer **“No**” to any of the questions below, we advise you to rectify them immediately. Please note that houses are not the only items on this list. If you have a detached shed or garage, a vehicle, or any belongings that you regularly leave on your lawn, the security of these items also needs to be addressed.

Front Yard

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes | No |  |
|  |  | Is your home address number easily visible from the street so police, fire, and first aid can find your house? |
|  |  | Do you leave your spare key with a neighbor, rather than hiding it on your property (i.e. Under the doormat, on top of light or door frame)? |
|  |  |  Is the foliage around your residence trimmed back to eliminate areas where a criminal may hide? |
|  |  | Are there any items that a criminal would take notice of in your front yard (bike, lawnmower, or motorcycle)? |
|  |  | Does your lighting cover the entire front yard? |

Side Yards

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes  | No |  |
|  |  | Does your lighting adequately cover each entrance?  |
|  |  | Are the bushes, shrubs, and trees pruned? |
|  |  | Is the fence gate secure? |
|  |  | Can your neighbors view the area easily? |
|  |  | Can a criminal easily reach your windows or use an item to reach them? |

Back Yard

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes  | No |  |
|  |  | Does your lighting adequately cover the entrance? |
|  |  | Are your bushes and trees pruned? |
|  |  | Is you fence and gate secured? |
|  |  | Do you leave your spare key with a neighbor, rather than hiding it on your property (i.e. Under the doormat, on top of light or door frame)? |
|  |  | Can your neighbors view the area to see if it has been tampered with? |

Detached Buildings

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes | No |  |
|  |  | Are there locks on all doors and are they in working condition? |
|  |  | Are there locks on all windows and are they in working condition? |
|  |  | Is there lighting on each entrance? |

Garage Door

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes | No |  |
|  |  | Do you keep your garage door shut when it is not in use? |
|  |  | Does your garage door operate and lock properly? |
|  |  | Does your garage have an internal lock? |

Side Door

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| Yes  | No |  |
|  |  | Is your door metal-clad and does it have a solid core? |
|  |  | Do you have a dead-bolt lock with a minimum 1-inch bolt throw? |
|  |  | Is your door frame secure (test by pushing on it and observing whether or not the frame moves)? |
|  |  | Are your hinges secure? |

Front Door Entrance

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Yes | No |  |
|  |  | Is your door metal-clad and does it have a solid core? |
|  |  | Do you have a dead-bolt lock with a minimum 1-inch bolt throw? |
|  |  | Is your door frame secure (test by pushing on it and observe whether or not the frame moves)? |
|  |  | Are your hinges secure? |

When Away from Home

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| Yes | No |  |
|  |  | Have you asked a neighbor to pick up your mail while you are gone? |
|  |  | Have you asked your local police department to increase patrols around your home while you are away?  |
|  |  | Have you canceled/suspended delivery of your newspaper for the time being? |
|  |  | Do you have a light on a timer? |

Personal Property Inventory

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Make | Model | Serial- or Owner-Applied No. | Description | Photo on File |
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This checklist is not guaranteed to entirely eliminate the possibility of burglary. If you have any other questions or concerns please contact the Atlantic Beach Police Department at (252)726-2523.