

UW OSHKOSH POLICE DEPARTMENT
RESIDENTIAL HOME SECURITY SURVEY – PAGE 1

NEIGHBORHOOD		
YES	NO	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have you met & become acquainted with the neighbors who live on all sides of your residence?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have you talked to your neighbors about mutual neighborhood security?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do you tell your neighbor when you're going on a vacation or your home is unoccupied for an extended period of time?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do you belong to a Neighborhood Watch Program?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is there effective street lighting in your neighborhood?
HOME EXTERIOR		
YES	NO	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is your house number easily visible from the street, with numbers at least 4" high?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there is a street curb in front of your home, are your house numbers painted on the curb in black letters four to six inches high on a white background?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If your home has a mailbox near the street, are your house numbers on the mailbox at least three inches high?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If your home is located along an alley, are the house numbers plainly visible from the alley?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are shrubs, bushes and other plant growth within four feet of any home sidewalks, driveways, doors or gates maintained at a height of not more than two feet?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are shrubs, bushes and other plant growth between four and eight feet from any home sidewalks, driveways, doors or gates maintained at a height of not more than four feet?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are trees trimmed so that lower branches are at least six feet off the ground?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are trees located or trimmed so that they cannot be used to gain access to an upper level of the home?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are spiny (thorny) plants used as ground cover along fences and under windows of the home?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has decorative stone or rock been used as ground cover near the home so that it makes noise when someone walks on it?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has fencing, paving, landscaping or some other comparable means been used to identify when a person moved from public to private property?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there is a fence around the home or property, are the gates routinely locked?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do residents routinely secure items of values such as bicycles, lawn mowers, ladders, etc. at night or when the home is not occupied?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are all entryways, porches, and walkways to the residence well lighted?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are all the sides of the residence protected by security lighting that is located high and out of the reach (under the eaves of the house preferably) and is vandal resistant?

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are exterior lights controlled by photocell (versus interior switches)?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is motion detection lighting used on the exterior of the home?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there are detached buildings on the property (garages, storage buildings, barn, etc.) are the doors and windows securely locked?
GARAGE		
YES	NO	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is the garage door kept closed when not in use?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is the garage door locked at all times (even when the occupant is at home)?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	When the occupant is on vacation or the home is unoccupied for an extended period of time, is the overhead track operated garage door disconnected from inside the garage (so that it cannot be opened with an electronic remote device)?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are the doors leading into the garage or from the garage into the home either solid wood or metal core and do they have a good quality deadbolt lock with high security strike plate?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are the garage windows pinned to deny easy access?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are the electronic garage door openers removed from vehicles parked outside of the garage?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are keys removed from motor vehicles when they are parked inside the garage?
DOORS		
YES	NO	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are the exterior or entrance doors either solid core or steel?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are door locks that can be opened from inside at least 40" from glass?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	For exterior doors with glazing within 40" of the door lock, is break resistant polycarbonate glazing material used?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do exterior or entrance doors fit tightly within the door jam?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do exterior doors have wide angle (180°) door viewers?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are exterior door strike plates secured with screws at least 3" long?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the exterior doors swing outward and have exposed hinge pins, have removable pins been replaced with non-removable pins?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have screws been installed in the track of sliding glass doors?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are locking bars (or "Charlie Bars") used to secure sliding glass doors?

EMERGENCIES: 911

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LOCKS		
YES	NO	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are deadbolt locks with at least 1" throw installed on all exterior or entrance doors?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Was the home re-keyed the last time a new occupant moved in?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are the door locks in a good state of repair?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do the occupants of the home avoid hiding keys outside the house someplace?

WINDOWS		
YES	NO	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have double hung windows been pinned?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have screws been installed in the tracks of horizontal sliding glass windows?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have crank handles been removed from casement windows?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do basement windows have security bars, grills, or auxiliary locks?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are window air conditioners anchored and protected by steel grillwork to prevent removal from the outside?

SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM		
YES	NO	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Does the home have an electronic intrusion alarm system?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Was the alarm installed by an experienced, reputable, and reliable alarm installation company?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is the home security alarm monitored by a professional alarm monitoring company?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the alarm system is more than 5 years old, has the equipment been evaluated for upgrading or updating?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have all responsible members of the household been trained on how to properly arm and disarm the system?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Does the alarm system have a back-up power sources (battery)?

MISCELLANEOUS		
YES	NO	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Does the home have a security closet for the storage of firearms, silver coin collection, etc. with either load-bearing or reinforced walls and a high security lock?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Does the home have an Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) burglary resistant safe?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have valuable papers such as stocks and bonds certificates, mortgages, property titles, and deeds, birth, marriage, and death certificates, passports, income tax records, etc. been placed in a rented safe deposit box?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has the homeowner participated in Operation Identification and engraved items of value?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has the homeowner made a complete inventory of household goods and valuables (ideally with a photo or video of the item)?

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are all exterior doors locked at night or when the home is unoccupied?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is a radio or television left on and playing when the home is unoccupied?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are interior lights visible from the outside left on when the home is unoccupied at night?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there is a death in the family, are arrangements made for a house-sitter the day of the funeral?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are children taught not to open the door for strangers?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is there a cellular phone in the house in the event telephone lines are cut or inoperable?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are accessible openings to the home such as skylights, crawl spaces, vents, etc. protected by a strong, well-fitting cover and high quality lock?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has any type of home or personal identification information been removed from the key rings?

VACATION CHECKLIST		
YES	NO	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are home deliveries stopped and arrangements made for a trusted neighbor or family member to pick up mail, newspapers, and packages?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are trusted neighbors asked to watch the residence when the occupants are away on vacation?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are arrangements made to have the lawn mowed or snow removed during a vacation?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the local law enforcement agency or Neighborhood Watch organization has a home vacation program, are they notified when the occupant is on vacation?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is the vacation address and telephone number left with a trusted neighbor or a family member so that the occupant can be reached in the event of an emergency?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are lights and a radio or television connected to timers that turn them on an off at the appropriate times?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are arrangements made to have garbage cans placed on the curb for normal pickup days and returned to the house or garage after pickup?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are window shades and blinds left in their normal positions when the occupant is on vacation?

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Completing this Security Survey does not guarantee that the residence surveyed will be immune to criminal activity. While this survey can be an effective tool in uncovering security weaknesses, neither the UW Oshkosh Police Department, nor any other law enforcement agency, can guarantee that your residence will be completely secure from criminal activity.