

Alarm Systems:

Does the home have an intrusion alarm system?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Is the alarm system monitored by a professional monitoring service?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Has everyone with a key to the residence been trained to properly arm and disarm the alarm system?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Does the alarm system have a battery back-up system in the event of power outage?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Does the alarm system have a cellular or radio back-up system in the event of telephone outage?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Miscellaneous:

Does the home have a safe for storage of firearms and other valuables?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Have valuable papers (birth certificates, titles, deeds, social security cards, checks, tax records, passports, etc.) been secured in a fire resistant safe or in a safe deposit box?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If you have a safe, is it bolted to the house to prevent removal?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Do you have an accurate inventory of your valuables that includes make, model, and serial numbers?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Have you engraved items of value with a unique number that would help identify your property should it be stolen and recovered?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Is there a cellular phone in the house in case the telephone lines are cut or inoperative?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Is there a corded phone in the house in case a power outage disables cordless phones?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are alternative entry points (skylights, crawl spaces, vents, etc.) secured and locked?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Have you removed identifying information from your key rings in case

your key ring is stolen?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are interior lights visible from the outside left on at night when the home is unoccupied?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are documents with personal information shredded before being placed in the trash?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Is a radio or television left on and playing when the home is unoccupied?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Vacation List:

Are home deliveries stopped and arrangements made for a trusted neighbor or family member to pick-up mail, newspapers, and packages?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are trusted neighbors asked to watch the residence when you are away?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are arrangements made to have the lawn mowed when you are away?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are arrangements made to have garbage cans placed for pick-up and

returned to the house on pick-up days?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Do you contact your local law enforcement agency to advise them you

will be away and how to contact you in an emergency?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Do you provide emergency contact information to a trusted neighbor or family member?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Is the ringer on the telephone turned down or off when you are away?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Residential Security



Charleston Police Department

180 Lockwood Blvd.

Charleston, SC 29403

Telephone: 843-577-7434

Emergency: 911

Take some steps to Reduce Your Risk

Inspect your property using this form. Mark the questions "yes" "no" or "n/a" . Any answer marked "no" should be carefully evaluated and corrected. Contact the Crime Prevention Office if you have any questions.

Crime Prevention Unit

843-769-7407

www.charleston-pd.org

CrimePrevention@charleston-sc.gov

Neighborhood:

Have you met and become acquainted with the neighbors who live on all sides of your residence?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Do you belong to a Neighborhood Watch program?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are common areas such as community mailboxes, building entrances, and courtyards illuminated at night?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Home Exterior:

Are your house numbers at least 4 inches tall (preferably 6 inches) and clearly visible from the street (both day and night)?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If your home has a mailbox near the street, are the house numbers clearly visible on the mailbox?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Regarding shrubs, bushes, and other plant growth within 4 feet of a sidewalk, driveway, door, or gate: Are they maintained at a height of 2 feet or less?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Regarding shrubs, bushes, and other plant growth 4 - 8 feet from a sidewalk, driveway, door, or gate: Are they maintained at a height of 4 feet or less?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are trees trimmed so that the lower branches are at least 6 feet above the ground for visibility?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are trees located so that they cannot be used to climb to an upper level of the home?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are spiny/thorny plants used as ground cover along fences and under windows of the home? (to discourage trespass/burglary)

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Has fencing, paving, landscaping, or some other means been used to identify when a person moves from public or common property to private property?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are fence-gates kept locked around the home or property?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Do household members routinely secure items of value such as bicycles, lawn mowers, ladders, etc. when not in use?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are entryways, porches, and walkways to the residence illuminated at night?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are exterior lights controlled by photocells or timers instead of manual switches?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If you have motion detecting light fixtures, are they properly placed and adjusted to reduce false activations?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If there are detached buildings on the property (garage, shed, barn, etc.), are the doors and windows kept locked?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are exterior telephone wires protected from being cut?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are exterior utility boxes (electrical, cable, telephone, etc.) padlocked to prevent unauthorized access?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are vehicles parked outside left locked, with valuables removed, and are garage door opener remotes removed/secured?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Garage:

Is the overhead garage door kept closed when not in use?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Is the pedestrian door between the garage and the home kept locked?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are keys removed from vehicles when they are parked inside the garage?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are windows into the garage covered or frosted to prevent visual inspection of valuables from the exterior?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

If keypad entry is used, is the entry code changed frequently?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Doors:

Are exterior doors (including the pedestrian door between the garage and home) of solid core construction or metal encased?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Do exterior doors fit tightly within the door jamb?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Do exterior doors have wide angle (180°) peep-holes installed?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Regarding Sliding Glass Doors: Have screws been installed in the top track to prevent the door from being lifted off the track? (screws should extend 1/2 - 3/4 inch below the door frame)

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are exterior doors kept locked, even when someone is home?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Locks:

Are door locks in good repair?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are door locks at least 40 inches away from windows, or are double cylinder deadbolt locks installed (key kept close by but not in lock)?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are keys removed from double-cylinder deadbolts?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are exterior door strike plates secured to the door-jamb and frame of the house using screws at least 3 1/2 inches in length?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Was the residence re-keyed the last time an occupant moved out?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are deadbolt locks installed on exterior doors, with a minimum 1 inch throw, including garage pedestrian doors?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Windows:

Have secondary locks been installed on windows that open?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

Are window air conditioners anchored and protected to prevent removal from the outside or push-through to inside?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___

When you are away, are windows covered or frosted to prevent visual inspection of valuables from the exterior?

Yes ___ No ___ N/A ___