

RESIDENTIAL SECURITY CHECKLIST



This information can be a guide to check your home for certain safety measures. These suggestions may show you where you could take action to improve your home's security and help decrease the likelihood that your home is targeted for a crime.

Free residential security assessments are available through Detective Kieland, email for more information: paula.kieland@kingcounty.gov.

Exterior Doors/Locks

	Yes	No
Doors are metal or solid hardwood (these materials offer the best protection). <i>*If your door is made out of something other than these materials, consider an upgrade.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strike plates on the door are secured with 4 screws that are at least 2.5 inches long.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sliding doors have an anti lift device, such as screws in the upper track, a dowel in the lower track, or a pin lock installed. <i>*Key locks not recommended as they may prevent exit in the event of a fire.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doors are locked even when at home and inside the residence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When leaving for a weekend or vacation, garage door opener is disconnected and a lock is used to secure the garage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garage door is never left open while unattended.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outdoor Security/Landscaping

	Yes	No
Back and side yard gates are locked unless in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exterior structures such as sheds are locked except when in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor lighting illuminates walkways around the residence.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brushes and shrubs are trimmed to 3 ft maximum height.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trees are pruned up from the ground to 6-7 feet.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security systems and camera systems are in good shape and operating properly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any vehicles parked outside are locked with windows up and all valuables removed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Lighting - a great crime prevention tool!

	Yes	No
When away, interior lights are on a timer to give the impression that someone is home.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motion sensor lights directed toward entrances and areas you are trying to protect.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
House numbers are illuminated so they are visible from the street at night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exterior lighting is checked to ensure it doesn't create shadows from shrubs, trees, and vehicles which can inadvertently create hiding spots.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Miscellaneous Security

	Yes	No
Outside valuables (bikes, lawn mowers, grills, etc.) are secured in a locked shed when not in use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All valuables that are deemed to be irreplaceable are secured in a safe or safety deposit box off site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete or update a home inventory by documenting all serial numbers and taking photos of valuable items such as televisions, tablets, guns, computers, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SHORELINE WATCH

Joining or initiating a Shoreline Watch group is another way to supplement the security of your home. Getting to know your neighbors, learning who lives in neighborhood, which people live where and who drives which cars is one way to recognize suspicious activity. Neighbors can share phone numbers and email addresses to keep in contact so that everyone knows what is happening in the community.

For more information: shorelinewa.gov/shorelinewatch or paula.kieland@kingcounty.gov.