



# SUMMIT POLICE HOME SECURITY

## SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

### Exterior Landscaping & Grounds

- ☐ Are all fences and gates able to be locked?
- ☐ Are there crime preventative shrubs (i.e. thorn bushes) in front of lower-level windows?
- ☐ Is all outdoor lighting operational?
- ☐ Do dark areas of the property have motion-activated lights?
- ☐ Does exterior lighting cover the front, sides, and rear of the home?
- ☐ Are all bushes and shrubs trimmed below window height?
- ☐ Is the second story roof inaccessible via trees, trellises, fences/walls, etc?

### Alarms

- ☐ Do you have a home alarm system?
- ☐ Is the alarm system professionally monitored?
- ☐ Do all family members know how to arm and disarm the alarm system?
- ☐ Can the alarm system be activated remotely? (via smartphone app)
- ☐ Does the alarm system have a backup power supply?
- ☐ Do you arm the alarm system at night before going to bed?
- ☐ Do you arm the alarm system every time you leave the house?
- ☐ Is there alarm signage on the exterior of the home?

### Windows

- ☐ Do all windows have working lock mechanisms?
- ☐ Do you own a window security bar that prevents a window from being lifted or pried open?
- ☐ Do your windows have alarm sensors?
- ☐ Is all outdoor furniture removed from underneath lower-level windows so burglars cannot easily use it to enter the home?
- ☐ Do all windows have pins to prevent further opening or removal when left open for ventilation?
- ☐ Are windows illuminated at night?
- ☐ Are all ladders locked away or stored securely so they are not easily accessible for burglars to use?

### Doors

- ☐ Do all exterior doors have deadbolt locks?
- ☐ Are your doors made of solid material? (i.e. wood, metal, or fiberglass)
- ☐ Do all sliding glass doors have locking pins in the track or some mechanism to prevent forced entry?
- ☐ If there are glass panels in or near doors (within 40 inches), are they reinforced in some way or made to be shatter resistant so the door lock cannot be reached if the glass is broken?
- ☐ Do all doggy doors have a locking mechanism?
- ☐ Is there a peep hole on your door or a camera where you can observe persons outside?
- ☐ Is your house number easily visible from the street at any hour?
- ☐ Are spare keys kept with a trusted neighbor and not under a door mat, planter, rock, mailbox, or above door casing?

### Cameras

- ☐ Is there a camera/surveillance system in place?
- ☐ Do you have a doorbell camera?
- ☐ Are the cameras motion-activated?
- ☐ Do the cameras have recording capabilities?
- ☐ Do the cameras cover all areas on your property?
- ☐ Are you able to monitor your cameras remotely (via smartphone app)?
- ☐ Is the driveway in full view of your camera?
- ☐ Is your driveway equipped with a motion-activated flood light?

### Garages & Garage Doors

- ☐ Does the overhead garage door have a secondary security lock?
- ☐ Do overhead garage doors have locks that override the door opener to prevent unauthorized access?
- ☐ Do all garage side doors have deadbolt locks?
- ☐ For attached garages, does the door leading from the garage into the home have a deadbolt lock?
- ☐ Do you keep garage doors closed even when in the backyard or inside the house?
- ☐ When away for an extended period of time, do you secure the garage door with a security bar?
- ☐ Do you hide your garage door opener inside your car rather than leaving it in plain sight?
- ☐ Do you always remove your key fob and lock your car when parking in the garage?

**TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT  
FOR A FREE HOME SECURITY  
ASSESSMENT, CONTACT THE  
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