



# TRUE BLUE PROTECTION

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## **TRUE BLUE PROTECTION HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST**

This self-questionnaire is designed to help you, the homeowner and your family identify vulnerable areas of your home. Take time to thoroughly walk around the inside and outside of your home with this checklist, and carefully check at all areas.

**EVERY "NO" THAT IS CHECKED SHOULD BE ADDRESSED ASAP TO PROTECT YOUR HOME...**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER AT TRUE BLUE PROTECTION

### **TRUE BLUE SAFE PRACTICES**

- YES  NO Do you keep a list & description of YOUR valuable(s) & property, (photos are better)?
- YES  NO Do you have a list of serial numbers of your electronics, equipment and similar items?
- YES  NO Do you have a description (including cost) and photos of valuables, including jewelry?
- YES  NO Do you keep your garage door closed and keep valuables out of view from the outside?
- YES  NO Do you keep excess cash and other valuables in a secure safe?
- YES  NO Do you hide a house key under a doormat or elsewhere?
- YES  NO Does your family know what to do if they discover a burglar attempting to break in, or already in the house?
- YES  NO Does your family know to leave the house undisturbed and call 911 if they discover a burglary has been committed?
- YES  NO Do you keep your doors always locked, even when you are in the house?

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## **EXTERIOR**

- YES  NO Are shrubs/bushes within 4 feet of any sidewalk, driveways, doors, or gates maintained at a height of not more than 2 feet?
- YES  NO Are ground plants under windows maintained at a height that is below the windowsill?
- YES  NO Are trees trimmed so that lower branches are more than 6 feet off the ground?
- YES  NO Are lights installed around the perimeter of your house & property?
- YES  NO Do you leave lights on in the front and rear of your house at night?
- YES  NO Do you have a light or camera focused on all exterior doors?
- YES  NO Is your house number illuminated or easily visible from the street during all hours?
- YES  NO Have you limited access to the second story and roof by properly storing ladders, and avoiding climbable trellises and drainpipes?
- YES  NO Do you have locks on all exterior gates?
- YES  NO Are there hiding places near doors, windows, garages, or parking areas?

## **DOORS AND ENTRY AREAS**

- YES  NO Are your exterior doors of solid-core or metal construction?
- YES  NO Do exterior doors have a cylinder-type deadbolt lock with at least a 1-inch throw?
- YES  NO Are the door strike plates and hinges installed with at least 3-inch screws?
- YES  NO Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy dead bolt or similar secure device that can be operated only from the inside?
- YES  NO Can all your doors be securely locked?
- YES  NO Are your locks in good operating condition?
- YES  NO Are locks that can be opened from the inside at least 3 feet from side glass?
- YES  NO Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubs and décor to permit maximum visibility?
- YES  NO Do sliding doors have an auxiliary lock that locks both panels, or a bar or similar device?  
Do exterior lights have a minimum 60-watt light bulb?
- YES  NO Do you lock your garage door when it's not in use?
- YES  NO Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp, or other good auxiliary lock, and can it be locked from both sides?
- YES  NO Do you lock your car & take the keys out even when it is parked in a locked garage?
- YES  NO Do you know everyone who has a key to your house?

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## **WINDOWS**

- YES  NO Are all windows equipped with auxiliary locks or pins, and are the locks properly and securely mounted?
- YES  NO Do you keep windows locked with they are shut?
- YES  NO Do you use locks that allows you to lock a window that is partially open?
- YES  NO Do you have good, secure locks on garage windows?
- YES  NO Do you have garage windows covered?

## **GOING ON A TRIP**

- YES  NO Do you arrange for neighbors, friends, or family to pick up mail and/or packages & newspapers, Or do you put delivery on hold for these items?
- YES  NO Do you tell a neighbor(s) that you'll be gone?
- YES  NO Do you leave some window treatments open (upper window) without too much visible access, so the house looks occupied?
- YES  NO Do you arrange to keep your lawn mowed & bushes trimmed?
- YES  NO If you go on vacation during winter, do you have your snow shoveled & driveway plowed?
- YES  NO Do you have timers on your interior lamps & exterior lights?
- YES  NO Do you test your smoke and burglar alarms regularly?