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HOME SECURITY CHECKLIST

This checklist is only a guide to assist with making your home safer. If you mark NO to anything on the list are areas where you may want to take action to improve your home's security. There is no guarantee that this checklist will prevent crime, but may deter crime.

If you have additional concerns about home safety and/or crime prevention, please call the University Heights Police Department non-emergency number at (216) 932-1826.

For all emergencies, dial 9-1-1

EXTERIOR DOORS

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| 1. All doors are locked at night and when away from the home | 1. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 2. Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad | 2. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 3. Doors feature wide-angle peepholes | 3. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 4. Glass paneled windows are reinforced so they cannot be shattered | 4. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 5. All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame or door | 5. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 6. Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, not on a ledge, or in the mailbox | 6. YES ___ NO ___ |

GARAGE AND SLIDING DOORS

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| 1. The door leading to from the attached garage into the home is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt | 1. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 2. The overhead garage door has a lock so the automatic door opener is not relied solely on to provide security | 2. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 3. Garage doors are locked when leaving the house | 3. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 4. The sliding glass door has strong working key locks | 4. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 5. A dowel or pin to secure a glass door has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the tracks | 5. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 6. The sliding glass door is locked every night and when leaving the house | 6. YES ___ NO ___ |

PROTECTING WINDOWS

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| 1. Every window in the house has a lock and is securely pinned | 1. YES ___ NO ___ |
| 2. Windows are always locked, even when open for ventilation | 2. YES ___ NO ___ |

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OUTDOOR SECURITY

1. Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide 1. YES ___ NO ___
2. There are no dark areas around the house, garage or yard where someone could hide 2. YES ___ NO ___
3. Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors 3. YES ___ NO ___
4. Floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination 4. YES ___ NO ___
5. Outdoor lights are on in the evening, when someone is home or not 5. YES ___ NO ___
6. A photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed 6. YES ___ NO ___

OUTDOOR VALUABLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

1. Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-security, laminated padlocks, and locked after every use 1. YES ___ NO ___
2. Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed. If left out, make sure they are hidden under a tarp and locked to a stationary point 2. YES ___ NO ___
3. Every bicycle is secured with a U-Bar lock or quality padlock and chain 3. YES ___ NO ___
4. Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks 4. YES ___ NO ___
5. Lock all vehicles left in the driveway and never leave valuables in the vehicle in plain view 5. YES ___ NO ___

SECURITY WHEN AWAY FROM HOME

1. At least two (2) light timers have been set to turn lights on and off when away from home for an extended period of time 1. YES ___ NO ___
2. The motion detector or other alarm system (if have one) has been activated when away from home 2. YES ___ NO ___
3. Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up have been made when leaving home for an extended period of time 3. YES ___ NO ___
4. A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch the home when away 4. YES ___ NO ___
5. Contact the Police Department when going away for an extended period of time to request a House Watch 5. YES ___ NO ___

GENERAL SECURITY TIPS

- ✓ Conduct a home inventory of high-priced valuables to include make/model/serial number if applicable
- ✓ Take pictures of all valuables
- ✓ Keep a complete copy of the inventory in a fire proof safe or a safe place outside the home or with a friend
- ✓ Turn on a radio or TV when away from the home
- ✓ Close and lock the front door when working/playing in the backyard
- ✓ Do not allow unfamiliar persons inside your home
- ✓ Report solicitors or suspicious persons to the Police Department