

Colonie Police Department Home Security Survey

This survey is for YOUR OWN PRIVATE USE ONLY. It is designed to help you identify security ISSUES in YOUR own home.

Doors:		Yes	No	Windows:		Yes	No
Do you leave a key with a trusted neighbor or family member rather than leaving one hidden outside?				Do all your windows have proper and secure locks on them?			
Do all your exterior doors have a good quality deadbolt lock with no less than a 1" throw?				Have your double hung windows been pinned or have key locks?			
Are all latch-strike plates on your exterior doors secured with at least 3" screws?				Have your window locks been installed to allow ventilation while maintaining security?			
Do your exterior doors having glass within 40 inches of the lock have double-cylinder deadbolts installed on them?				Can your basement windows be properly secured?			
Do all your exterior doors without glass have a wide-angle door-viewer installed for identifying visitors?				Do you check to see if all your windows are locked before leaving the house?			
Are your entire entrance doors solid core and strong enough to withstand excessive force?				Are window air conditioners secured from the inside?			
Do your door frames fit snugly around your exterior doors?							
Have the locks been changed since moving into your home or apartment?							
Do you always lock all your doors and windows when you are home for the night or when you leave your residence?							
Do all your sliding glass doors have at least one of the following?							
a track lock?							
an insertion pin lock?							
a hinged door bar?							
a metal or wooden dowel in track?							
Do you close your overhead garage door, even when you are home?							
Do you secure your overhead garage door with a lock when you are away?							
Does your exterior main-door and the door from the garage into your home have quality deadbolts?							
Do you always use them?							
Do you remove vehicle keys when garage is locked?							

Exterior:		Yes	No
Are all your bushes, trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate areas for a person to hide near your window and doors?			
Can your neighbors see your home without obstruction?			
Is your house number visible from the street?			
Is your house well lit at night to illuminate all exterior sections or your home?			
Do you use motion detectors or photo cells?			
Are all your entrances lit well enough?			
Are bicycles, mowers, ladders, etc kept locked up inside?			

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Interior:	Yes	No	Vacations:	Yes	No
Do you use automatic timers on lights, TV's and radios in your house?			Do you stop deliveries such as mail, newspapers and other deliveries when your are going to be away?		
Does your house appear that someone is home?			Do you ask your neighbors to maintain your property when you are going to be away?		
Do you secure your valuables such as money, wallets, pocketbooks and jewelry out of sight?			Do you ask trusted neighbors to watch your house if your are going to be away.		
Do you have an alarm system?			Do you leave a key with a trusted neighbor rather than leaving one hidden outside?		
If not, have you considered getting one?			Do you arrange for a friend or neighbor to come by and check on your home when you plan on being away several days or longer?		
Do you use it to it's fullest?			Do you request the police department to check your house during long term absences? You can do so by calling us at 783-2811 or visit us online at www.colonie.org .		
Have you recorded the make, model, serial numbers and model numbers of all your valuable or large ticket items?					
Have you etched your drivers license number or secret number on all your valuables?					
Have you photographed items such as jewelry, china, and crystal for identification purposes?					
Does your telephone answering machine avoid announcing "We're not home right now"?					
Do you have smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors properly placed in your home? and make sure they work properly?					
Are all weapons and guns stored in a safe place such as a locked box, safe or vault?					
Do you record and keep in a secure place all your credit card and ATM numbers, together with phone numbers to cancel them should they get lost or stolen?					
Do you have a cellular phone available in your home in case phone lines are not working?					
Do you keep most of your cash in the bank?					