



# Home Security Checklist

The Vernon Hills Police Department reminds you to check your home for ways to improve security. Use this checklist as a starting point.

- |  | <u>Yes</u>               | <u>No</u>                |
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| ◆ All doors and windows are locked at night and <b>every time</b> we leave the house, even if it's for "just a few minutes!" This includes the door from the attached garage into the house. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ All entryways have working, keyed entry lock <b>and</b> a deadbolt.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ The outside is well-lit <b>every night</b> .   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ I use a timer when I'm away so lights go on every night, and my home always looks occupied.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ I never hide a key outside because bad guys know all the hiding places, even the "secret" ones.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ If I leave a car in the driveway over night, the garage door opener is not accessible.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ My trees and shrubs have been trimmed so criminals don't have a place to hide.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ I have secured my sliding door with a bar on the bottom or other security device which also serves as a deterrent.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ My house number is clearly displayed so Police and other Emergency vehicles can find my address easily.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ Gate latches and shed doors are all locked with security padlocks.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ Overhead garage doors are kept closed when not in use and no one is around.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ If I have an alarm system, there are window stickers and/or an alarm sign posted.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ I have taken an inventory of my valuables and have up-to-date photographs of them.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ I have written down all the serial numbers of all my large valuables.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ◆ When I'm going to be away for more than one day, I arrange for someone to pick-up my mail and newspaper, or I suspend my delivery.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## **GOING AWAY?**

**DON'T FORGET TO ARRANGE FOR A VACATION WATCH BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**

The Vernon Hills Police Department will check your home periodically while you are away. This free service for the residents of Vernon Hills can be arranged simply by logging onto **vhpd.com** and clicking on the "How Do I" at the top of the page.