



## Grand Blanc Twp Police Department Crime Prevention Unit – Residential Survey

No house is absolutely burglar-proof if professional burglars target your home. But, they would be the first to admit that you can discourage burglars if you increase your home security. You can begin this process by identifying your weak areas and fixing them. The following tips incorporate CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) which stresses target hardening your home. A basic theory of CPTED is to create modes of natural surveillance where neighbors can see what is happening around their home as well as their neighbors' home. We can accomplish this by opening up sight lines, lighting the area at night and by making simple changes around the house.

This residential security survey has been prepared to give recommendations for making your residence safe and secure. Although none of these recommendations are guaranteed to stop crime, they are an important step in reducing the potential to you, and your home from becoming victims of crime. It is important take a critical look at your home security every three to four months. Do not become lax as crime prevention is a continuous process.

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit welcomes the support of the residents of Grand Blanc as you partner with us to reduce crime and make our community safer.



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YES	NO	EXTERIOR OF THE HOME
		Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery and other decorative items to permit maximum visibility and sight lines to your neighbors?
		Are your trees trimmed up from the ground at least 6 feet?
		Are your bushes trimmed down to a maximum height of 3 feet?
		Do you have lights installed on the exterior of the home?
		Are the lights on a photocell or a motion detector?
		Is your address easily visible on your home from the road?
		Has your name been removed from the exterior of the home?
		Do you have access to the roof or second floor of you home via a drain pipe, antenna, trellis, shed roof or easily accessible ladder?
		Are your side gates locked when not being used?
		Privacy fences allow for a burglar to gain access to a rear yard undetected by neighbors. If you have one please consider additional precautions like an alarm.
		Do you perform regular security maintenance around your home like making sure exterior lighting is functional and trimming back foliage?

YES	NO	WINDOWS
		Are all windows equipped with auxiliary locks or pins?
		Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?
		Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?
		Do you have secure locks on your garage windows?
		Are your garage windows covered with curtains or blinds?
		Do you treat basement and second floor windows in the same manner?
		Did you remove the crank handles from casement windows?
		If you have a window AC unit is it secured in a way that it cannot be removed from the exterior?
		Can you secure windows that have been left open for ventilation?



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YES	NO	DOORS
		Do your doors fit tightly within their frames
		Have you re-keyed the locks since the last tenant lived there?
		Do all your locks work smoothly?
		Does the deadbolt extend sufficiently into the strike plate/door jamb?
		Do you have an alarm system?
		Is the alarm system monitored?
		Does your alarm cover perimeter windows, doors as well as motion?
		Do you plan so that you do NOT need to hide a key around the exterior of the house?
		Do you know everyone who has a key to your home?
		Are your exterior doors of solid core construction?
		Are door strike plates installed with screws that penetrate the jamb at least 3 inches?
		Do all out-swinging doors have locking pins or non-removable hinges with pins?
		Are all your locks, door frames and doors in good condition and able to withstand excessive force?
		Can the overhead garage door be secured with an auxiliary lock?
		Do you lock your garage doors when not in use?
		Does your overhead garage door have a track pad lock?
		Do you lock your garage door leading in to your house?
		Do you lock your car and take the keys out when parked in your garage/driveway?
		Do you leave garage door openers in vehicles parked in the driveway/garage?
		If you have a pet door are you able to lock it?
		Are all exterior doors with access to the home equipped with deadbolts?
		Can ALL of your doors be securely locked?
		Do your basement doors have locks that allow you to isolate that area of the house?
		If you have glass in or near your doors are they reinforced in a way so they cannot be shattered?
		Do your doors and windows allow easy egress in the event of a fire?
		Does your sliding glass door have a strong, working key lock?



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YES	NO	AWAY FROM THE HOME / MISCELLANEOUS
		Do you leave/pack discretely so casual observers do not know you are leaving?
		Do you arrange for a trusted friend/neighbor to get the mail and look after your house?
		Did you leave contact information with a neighbor or friend?
		Did you arrange to have your lawn mowed or snow removed?
		Did you use timing devices to control lights, televisions or radios in the home?
		Did you leave some shades up (not all) to not make the house look deserted?
		Are the shades, lighting and electronics left in a “normal” way for your house?
		Did you arrange for calls to your landline to be forwarded to you or a trusted friend?
		Are you careful with who knows your schedule?
		Did you make sure to NOT change your answering machine message to say that you are gone?
		Are you talking about your vacation on social media?
		Did you remove your garage door opener, purse, wallet, valuables or anything with your name on it from your vehicle?
		Do you keep keys easily assessable in your home to a burglar?
		Do you not keep valuables in an obvious spot such as the master bedroom?
		Do you have a list of valuable property? Is it in a safe place?
		Do you have serial numbers recorded for valuable items?
		Do you keep excess cash and valuable in a bank?
		Does your family or friends know what to do if they discover a breaking and entering in progress when they check your home?
		Have you told family or friends to not touch anything if they discover a burglary has taken place?
		Do you know your neighbors?
		Do you participate in Grand Blanc Township PD’s partnership with <a href="http://www.nextdoor.com">www.nextdoor.com</a> for important crime tips and news?
		Do you shred personal information?
		Do you open the door only to people you know?
		Do you make sure all family members practice safety? (fire/crime drills)
		Do you leave valuables in the yard or open garages?
		Do you have more than just one phone in your home?
		Do you practice firearm safety and keep them locked away when not in use?
		Do you test your smoke alarms regularly?