

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office

RESIDENTIAL / HOME SECURITY SURVEY

NEIGHBORHOOD

Yes	No	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have you met and become acquainted with the neighbors who live on all sides of your residence?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have you talked to your neighbors about mutual neighborhood security?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do you tell your neighbor when you are going on a vacation or your home is unoccupied for an extended period of time?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do you belong to a Neighborhood Watch Program?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is there effective street lighting in your neighborhood?

HOME EXTERIOR

Yes	No	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is your house number easily visible from the street, with numbers at least 4" high?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there is a street curb in front of your home, are your house numbers painted on the curb in black letters four (4) to six (6) inches high on a white background?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If your home has a mailbox near the street, are your house numbers on the mailbox at least three (3) inches high?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If your home is located along an alley, are the house numbers plainly visible from the alley?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are shrubs, bushes and other plant growth within four (4) feet of any home sidewalks, driveways, doors or gates maintained at a height of not more than two (2) feet?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are shrubs, bushes and other plant growth between four (4) and eight (8) feet from any home sidewalks, driveways, doors or gates maintained at a height of not more than four (4) feet?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are trees trimmed so that lower branches are at least six (6) feet off the ground?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are trees located or trimmed so that they cannot be used to gain access to an upper level of the home?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are spiny (thorny) plants used as ground cover along fences and under windows of the home?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has fencing, paving, landscaping or some other comparable means been used to identify when a person moves from public to private property?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there is a fence around the home or property, are the gates routinely locked?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do family members routinely secure items of value such as bicycles, lawn mowers, ladders, etc. at night or when the home is not occupied?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are all entryways, porches and walkways to the residence well lighted?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are all sides of the residence protected by security lighting that is located high and out of reach (under the eaves of the house preferably) and is vandal resistant?

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is motion detection/photocell lighting used on the exterior of the home?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there are detached buildings on the property (garage, storage building, barn, etc.), are the doors and windows securely locked?

GARAGE

Yes	No	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is the garage door kept closed when not in use?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is the garage door locked at all times (even when the occupant is at home)?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	When the occupant is on vacation or the home is unoccupied for an extended period of time, is a case-hardened padlock inserted in a hole drilled in the overhead door track to prevent the door from being opened?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are the doors leading into the garage or from the garage into the home either solid wood or metal core and do they have a good quality deadbolt lock with a high security strike plate?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are garage windows pinned to deny easy access?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are electronic garage door openers removed from vehicles parked outside of the garage?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are keys removed from motor vehicles when they are parked inside the garage?

DOORS

Yes	No	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are exterior or entrance doors either solid core or steel?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are door locks that can be opened from the inside at least 40" from glass?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	For exterior doors with glazing within 40" of the door lock, is break resistant polycarbonate glazing material used?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do exterior or entrance doors fit tightly within the door jam?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do exterior doors have wide angle (180°) door viewers?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are exterior door strike plates secured with screws at least 3" long?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If exterior doors swing outward and have exposed hinge pins, have removable pins been replaced with non-removable pins?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have screws been installed in the tracks of sliding glass doors?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are locking bars (or "Charlie Bars") used to secure sliding glass doors?

LOCKS

Yes	No	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are deadbolt locks with at least a 1" throw installed on all exterior or entrance doors?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Was the home re-keyed the last time a new occupant moved in?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are the door locks in a good state of repair?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do occupants of the home avoid hiding keys outside the house someplace?

WINDOWS		
Yes	No	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have double hung windows been pinned?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have screws been installed in the tracks of horizontal sliding glass doors?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have crank handles been removed from casement windows?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Do basement windows have security bars, grills or auxiliary locks?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are window air conditioners anchored and protected by steel grillwork to prevent removal from the outside?

SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM		
Yes	No	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Does the home have an electronic intrusion alarm system?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Was the alarm installed by an experienced, reputable, and reliable alarm installation company?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is the home security alarm monitored by a professional alarm monitoring company?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the alarm system is more than five (5) years old, has the equipment been evaluated for upgrading or updating?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have all responsible members of the household been trained how to properly arm and disarm the alarm system?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Does the alarm system have a back-up power source (battery)?

MISCELLANEOUS		
Yes	No	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Does the home have a safe place to store firearms?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Does the home have an Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) burglary resistant safe?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Have valuable papers such as stocks and bonds certificates, mortgages, property titles and deeds, birth, marriage and death certificates, passports, income tax records, coin collection etc. been placed in a safe or safe deposit box?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has the homeowner made a complete inventory of household goods and valuable (ideally with a photo or videotape of the items)?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are all exterior doors locked at night or when the home is unoccupied?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is a radio or television left on and playing when the home is unoccupied?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are interior lights visible from the outside left on when the home is unoccupied at night?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If there is a death in the family, are arrangements made for a house-sitter the day of the funeral?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are children taught not to open the door to strangers?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is there a cellular phone in the house in the event telephone lines are cut or inoperative?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are accessible openings to the home such as skylights, crawl spaces, vents, etc. protected by a strong, well-fitting cover and high-quality lock?

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Has any type of home or personal identification information been removed from key rings?
VACATION CHECKLIST		
Yes	No	
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are home deliveries stopped and arrangements made for a trusted neighbor or a family member to pick up mail, newspapers, and packages?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are trusted neighbors asked to watch the residence when the occupants are away on vacation?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are arrangements made to have the lawn mowed or snow removed during a vacation?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	If the local law enforcement agency or Neighborhood Watch organization has a home vacation program, are they notified when the occupant is on vacation?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is the vacation address and telephone number left with a trusted neighbor or a family member so that the occupant can be reached in the event of an emergency?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are lights and a radio or television connected to timers that turn them on and off at appropriate times?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are arrangements made to have garbage cans placed on the curb for normal pickup days and returned to the house or garage after the pickup is made?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Are window shades and blinds left in their normal position when the occupant is on vacation?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Is the bell or ringer on the home telephone turned down low when the occupant is on vacation?
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Does the message on the telephone answering machine avoid indicating the homeowner is on vacation?

To find out more ways you can protect your home and neighborhood, please call the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Community Resource Unit at (720) 874-3892.



COMPLETING THIS SECURITY SURVEY DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE RESIDENCE SURVEYED WILL BE IMMUNE TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. WHILE THIS SURVEY CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE TOOL IN UNCOVERING SECURITY WEAKNESSES, NEITHER THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, NOR ANY OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY, CAN GUARANTEE THAT YOUR RESIDENCE WILL BE COMPLETELY SECURE FROM CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.