

ORANGE COUNTY



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

CRIME PREVENTION HOME SECURITY SURVEY

Burglary and other crimes often occur in homes. This survey has been designed to help you identify vulnerable areas in your home. Burglars are criminals of opportunity. If you can reduce opportunity, then you reduce your chances of becoming victim. Good home security is the first step.

Survey your home with the checklist below. Go through your home with this list carefully and systematically. Every NO checkmark identifies a vulnerable area.

The next step is to schedule a home security check, where you will learn how to correct the vulnerable areas identified with this survey. The Administrative Sergeant for Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services will then come to your residence to check the areas of concern. You will be given home security handouts, which are loaded with suggestions on improving the security of your home.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services and ask for assistance. Keep your guard up. Take a critical look at your home security every 3-4 months. Do not become lax or you will be the burglar's next victim.

Remember, crime prevention is a community effort. Law enforcement cannot do it alone. Help us help **you** make your neighborhood a safer place to live. Why not start with your home?

SAFE PRACTICES

	YES	NO
1. Do you keep a list of valuable property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you mark your valuable property (Operation Identification) with your California drivers license number?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Do you have a list of serial numbers of your watches, cameras, and similar items?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you have description, photos or recordings of other property that cannot be engraved?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you avoid unnecessary display of your property by keeping your garage door closed or valuables away from open windows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you keep excess cash and other valuables in a bank?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are you organized so that you do not need to "hide" a key under the doormat or similar vicinity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Does your family know what to do if they discover a burglar breaking in or already in the house?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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| 9. Have you told your family to leave the house undisturbed and call the sheriff or police if they discover a burglary has been committed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Do you have a security closet with a solid core door, pinned hinges and deadbolt lock? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Do you have 9-1-1 stickers or emergency telephone numbers listed on your phone? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Do you keep your doors locked at all times even when you are in the house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

EXTERIOR

YES NO

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| 1. Are your trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Are lights installed around the perimeter of your house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you leave lights on in the front and rear of your home all night? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is your house number illuminated or easily visible from the street during all hours? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Have you limited access to the second floor and roof by locking up your ladder and avoiding climbable trellises and drainpipes? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you keep your side gate locked? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

DOORS AND ENTRY AREAS

YES NO

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| 1. Are your exterior doors of solid core construction? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do entry doors have a wide-angle viewer? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do exterior doors have cylinder-type deadbolt locks with at least a one-inch throw and beveled cylinder guard? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or some similar secure device that can be operated only from the inside? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Can all of your doors (basement, porch, French, balcony) be securely locked? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Are your locks in all good repair? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Are the door strike plates and hinges installed with three-inch screws? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Do you know everyone who has a key to your house? (Or are there still some in possession of previous owners and friends?) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Do all out-swinging doors have the hinges pinned or have non-removable pins? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery and other décor to permit maximum visibility? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Do your exterior lights have a minimum 60-watt bulb? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 12. Do sliding doors have an auxiliary lock that locks both the door panels together or active-side to the frame? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp or other good auxiliary lock and can it be locked from both sides? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. Do you lock your garage door when not in use? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. Do you lock your car and take the keys out even when it is parked in your locked garage? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

WINDOWS

YES NO

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| 1. Are all windows equipped with auxiliary locks or pinned, and are the locks properly and securely mounted? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Have you replaced or secured louvered windows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you use locks that allow you to lock a window that is partially open? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you have garage windows covered on the first floor? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you have good, secure locks on garage windows? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Are you as careful of second floor windows as you are of those on the first floor? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

WHEN YOU GO ON A TRIP

YES NO

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| 1. Do you arrange for neighbors or friends to pick up papers, mail, or packages? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Do you notify a neighbor that you will be gone? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Without creating too much visibility, do you have some shades up or curtains open so that the house does not look deserted? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you arrange to keep your lawn maintained? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you have timing devices for your lamps? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you call dispatch to arrange a residential vacation check? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Do you refrain from posting family vacation photos on social media? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Congratulations!! You have just taken the first step to a safer home.