

# Kernersville Police Department

*"A Higher Level of Service"*



## Home Security Checklist

Use this checklist to evaluate your home's crime prevention posture. Boxes marked "no" indicate areas where you could take actions to improve your home's security. These are just some of the steps you can take to decrease the likelihood that you or your home is targeted.

### Exterior Doors

Yes No

All doors are locked at night and every time the house is unoccupied - even for a few minutes

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Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad

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Doors feature wide-angle peepholes at heights everyone can use

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Glass panels in or near the doors, are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered, or cannot be used to gain entrance if shattered

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If there is glass within 49 inches of the door, then a double cylinder deadbolt should be installed and key should not be left in the door but kept in near the door in the same location for emergencies

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All entryways have working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into frame of the door and strike plate secured with 2-3 inch screws

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Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge or in a mailbox

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Hinged doors have pins on the inside for more security

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### Garage and Sliding Door Security

The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt

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The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security

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Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house or not in use

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The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock and anti-slide device installed or a foot lock

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The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house

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**Protecting Windows**

Yes No

Every window in the house has a working lock

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Windows are always locked, even when they are opened a few inches for ventilation

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Windows have an anti-lift device (screws in the track above slide to prevent lift out)

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**Outdoor Security**

Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide. Tree branches trimmed at least 7 feet above ground level

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Hostile vegetation, like holly bushes, are planted around windows

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There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers

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Every outside door has a bright, working light to illuminate visitors

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House numbers are easily visible from the street or if house is located off the street that the house numbers are clearly marked at the entrance area

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Ground cover should be small gauge granite rock that makes noise as you walk on it

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Flood lights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination

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Outdoor lights are on in the evening- whether someone is home or not, or a photocell or motion-sensitive lighting system has been installed

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**Security When Away From Home**

At least two light timers have been set to turn lights on and off in a logical sequence, when the home owners are away from the home for an extended time

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The motion detector or other alarm system has been activated when the homeowner leaves home

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Mail and newspaper deliveries have been stopped or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up when the homeowner is away from home for an extended period of time

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A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch the home while the homeowner is away

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**Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property**

**Yes No**

Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are all locked with high-security laminated padlocks

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Gate latches, garage doors and shed doors are locked after every use

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Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed or if left out in the open, are hidden from view with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point

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Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain

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Firearms are stored unloaded and locked in a storage box and secure with a trigger lock guard

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Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with identifying number, and/or on a list of documented valuables

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The home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A complete copy is kept somewhere outside of the house

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