



Holliston Police Department Residential Security Assessment



“Crime Prevention through Environmental Design”

Name	Address	Officer

INSTRUCTIONS: This survey is designed to be a do-it-yourself security assessment of your residence. Answer each question as best you can. Items where you have answered “No” are areas where you should focus your attention as they indicate areas needing improvement. This survey is for your personal use and once completed, it should be stored in a safe location.

HOME EXTERIOR

	YES	NO	N/A
Have you met and become acquainted with the neighbors who live on all sides of your residence?			
Do you belong to a Neighborhood Watch program?			
Are common areas such as community mailboxes, building entrances, and courtyards illuminated at night?			
Are shrubs and bushes cut below the window level?			
Is house number visible at night from the street?			

DOORS

	YES	NO	N/A
Are exterior doors (including the pedestrian door between the garage and home) of solid core construction or metal encased?			
Are door locks at least 40 inches away from glazing or are double cylinder deadbolt locks installed?			
Are exterior doors kept locked, even when someone is home?			
Have locking “Charlie” bars been installed in the center of sliding glass doors in lieu of wooden dowels in the bottom track?			
Do you leave a key with a trusted neighbor or family member rather than leaving one hidden outside?			

LIGHTING

	YES	NO	N/A
Are the entrances well lit at night?			
Are exterior lights activated by motion sensors?			
Does every outside door have a bright, working light to illuminate visitors?			

GARAGE

	YES	NO	N/A
Is the overhead garage door kept closed when not in use?			
If you do not have a garage door opener, is the overhead garage door kept locked?			
Is the pedestrian door between the garage and the home kept locked?			
Are keys removed from vehicles when they are parked inside the garage?			
Are keys stored in a garage secured in a lockbox mounted to the wall?			
Are windows into the garage covered or frosted to prevent visual inspection of valuables from the exterior?			
If keypad entry is used, is the entry code changed frequently?			
Do you remove your vehicle keys when garage is locked?			

WINDOWS

	YES	NO	N/A
Have secondary locks been installed on windows capable of being opened?			
Do basement windows have security bars, grills, or other locking covers?			
Are window air conditioners anchored and protected to prevent removal from the outside?			
When you are away, are windows covered or frosted to prevent visual inspection of valuables from the exterior?			
Are windows kept closed and locked or locked open no more than 6 inches, even when someone is home?			

ALARMS

	YES	NO	N/A
Is the alarm system monitored by a professional monitoring service?			
Has everyone with a key to the residence been trained to properly arm and disarm the alarm system?			
Does the alarm system have a battery back-up system in the event of power outage?			
Does the alarm system have a cellular or radio back-up system in the event of telephone outage?			
Does the home have an intrusion alarm system?			

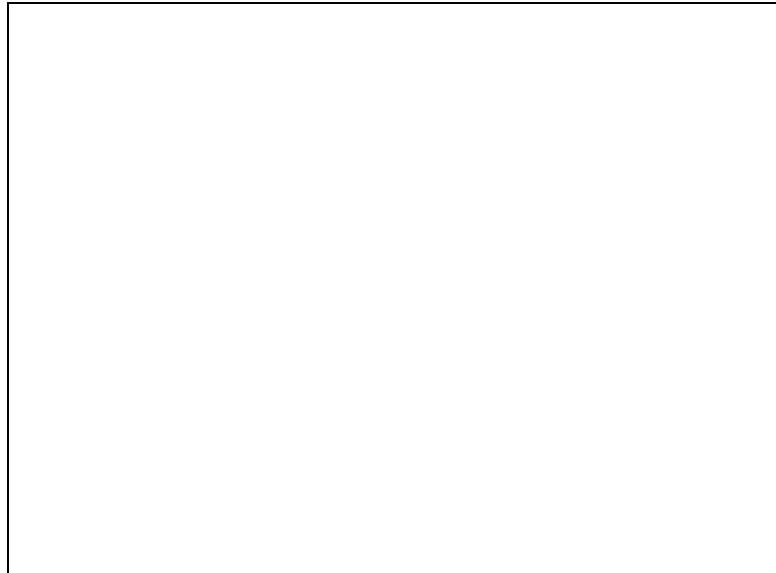
LOCKS

	YES	NO	N/A
Are door locks in good repair?			
Was the residence re-keyed the last time an occupant moved in or out?			
Do occupants of the home avoid hiding keys outside the residence other than in a lockbox secured to the structure?			
Are deadbolt locks with a minimum 1 inch throw installed on exterior doors, including garage pedestrian doors?			

MISCELLANEOUS

	YES	NO	N/A
Do you have an accurate inventory of your valuables that includes make, model, and serial numbers?			
Does the home have a safe for storage of firearms and other valuables?			
Have valuable papers (birth certificates, titles, deeds, social security cards, checks, tax records, Passports, etc.) been secured in a fire resistant safe or in a safe deposit box?			
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Have you engraved items of value with a unique number that would help identify your property should it be stolen and recovered?			
Are alternative entry points (skylights, crawl spaces, vents, etc.) secured and locked?			
Are documents with personal information shredded before being placed in the trash?			

PROPERTY DIAGRAM



COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Officer's Signature

Homeowner's Signature