

NOVI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Residential Security Survey

Resident: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Incident Number: _____
Date: _____
Surveying Officer: _____

This confidential Residential Security Survey is a free service offered to you by the Novi Police Department. It is designed to reduce your vulnerability to crime by identifying existing or potential security weaknesses. Although the recommendations are effective, there is no guarantee you will not be victimized by crime. If good security practices are in effect, all applicable questions will be answered "Yes". A "No" to any question indicates your home could be more secure and to follow the officer's recommendations. (Y=Yes, N= No, N/A = No Applicable)

Perimeter

- Are fences maintained in good condition?
- Does the fence allow visibility from outside the property?
- Are the gates serviceable and equipped with an adequate locking device?

Landscaping

- Are house numbers illuminated at night?
- Are trees trimmed to deny access to upper windows and roof areas?
- Are the bushes located and maintained in such a manner as to deny concealment to an intruder?

Tools

- Are all ladders stored inside the building or otherwise secured?
- Are other tools, such as hammers, crowbars or shovels secured inside buildings?

Exterior Lighting

- Is sufficient lighting available at each entrance to allow the recognition of physical features?
- Is there sufficient lighting to eliminate blind spots or shaded areas?
- Are motion detectors, photocells or timers utilized on exterior lights?
- Are house numbers easily seen from the street?

Alarms

- Is the alarm system operable?
- Are the members of the household familiar the alarm's operation and the procedure to follow when accidentally activated?
- Are household members familiar with Novi's alarm ordinance?

Exterior Doors

- Is the spacing between the doors and frame close enough to prevent access of a heavy pry tool?
- Are the doors metal clad or solid core wood?
- Are exterior doors minimally equipped with a spring latch lock?
- Are all dead bolts at least a one-inch throw equipped with an inside thumb-turn?
- Are the door hinges non-removable and mounted inside the door?
- Are all strike plates reinforced with three-inch wood screws?
- Do the exterior doors have a viewer?

Screen Doors

- Can the screen doors be locked for additional security?
- Are screens and storms securely fastened to the frame?

Sliding Doors

- Are sliding glass doors / windows secured with locks?
- Are anti-slide / anti-lift devices used?

Windows

- Are the windows secured with functioning locks?
- Are the screens and storms secured securely to the structure?
- Are double hung windows secured with security pins/ other devices?
- Are window frames in good condition?

Safes

- Is the safe secured to the structure?
- Is the safe concealed?
- Is the safe fire or burglary rated?

Sheds / Out Buildings

- Is the shed well maintained?
- Are doors equipped with locks?

Padlocks and Hasps

- When the hasp is locked, does the hasp cover the screws?
- Is the lock locked on the "U" hook even when the hasp is open?
- Is the lock a case hardened type, which secures at both the heel and toe?
- Is the key removed from the bottom of the lock?

Vehicles

- Are vehicles equipped with an anti-theft device?
- Are vehicles kept locked when parked?
- Are valuables (phones, packages) removed from vehicles?

Other

- Are your valuables marked with Operation Identification?
- Does your neighborhood participate in Neighborhood Watch?