



Louisville Metro Police Home Security Survey

This survey is designed to help you assess the security of your residence and establish which areas of your home are potential weak spots or increased risks for burglary and property theft/damage. Please Note: Any security improvements made should never hinder your ability to escape from the residence in the event of a fire or other emergency. This survey is intended for your private use only. Do not share confidential information about your home security with others.

DOORS

- Have your locks been re-keyed since you moved in? Yes / No
- Do you know where all your keys are located & who has spare keys? Yes / No
- Are entrance doors solid core? Yes / No
- Do entrance doors have peepholes? Yes / No
- Does the peephole allow full view of your outside entrance area? Yes / No
- Are locks that can be opened from inside at least 40" from glass? Yes / No
- If hinge pins are outside, are they non-removable? Yes / No
- Do doors securely fit the door jamb with a 1/8" or less gap? Yes / No
- Do entrance doors have deadbolt locks? Yes / No
- Do the deadbolts have at least 1" depth? Yes / No
- Do the deadbolts extend 1" to 1.5" into the strike plate? Yes / No
- Is the strike plate securely fastened to door jamb with 3" screws? Yes / No
- Are doors leading to basements, garages, etc. as secure as exterior doors? Yes / No
- Are locks on sliding patio doors sufficient? Yes / No
- Are any repairs needed to upgrade the strength of your doors, frames, or locks? Yes / No

WINDOWS

- Are windows fitted with alarm sensors or glass breakage sensors? Yes / No
- Are all external windows fitted with quality security screens? Yes / No
- Do double-hung windows have removable pins? Yes / No
- Have double-hung windows been pinned or have key locks? Yes / No
- Do basement windows have auxiliary locks? Yes / No
- Do curtains, drapes, or blinds fully cover the windows? Yes / No
- Are window air conditioner (AC) units secured from both the inside & outside? Yes / No
- Are windows opening onto fire escapes, patios, or balconies secure? Yes / No

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GARAGE

- Can garage light be turned on from inside the house? Yes / No
- Are doors from the garage into the house kept locked? Yes / No
- Is the garage door kept closed when not in use, even when home? Yes / No
- Does overhead garage door have a track padlock? Yes / No
- Is hasp of high quality, installed without screws showing? Yes / No
- Does walk-through entry door to garage have peephole? Yes / No
- Is walk-through entry door equipped with a dead bolt and a strike plate? Yes / No
- If a keypad is used for entry into garage, is the code periodically changed? Yes / No
- Are keys removed from vehicles parked in the garage? Yes / No
- Are windows covered to prevent someone from seeing what valuables are stored in the garage? Yes / No

LIGHTING

- Are all exterior lights working? Yes / No
- Do exterior lights provide 360-degree lighting around the perimeter of residence? Yes / No
- Are lights controlled by photocells/motion sensors instead of a manual switch? Yes / No
- Are entryways, porches, & walkways to the residence illuminated at night? Yes / No
- Are low-mounted lights protected so the bulbs cannot be unscrewed? Yes / No
- Do interior lights operate on a timer when out-of-town? Yes / No

LANDSCAPING

- Are tree branches at least 8 feet above the ground? Yes / No
- Are shrubs, bushes, or hedges cut below 2 feet? Yes / No
- Are thorny/spiky plants installed as ground cover along fences & under windows? Yes / No
- Is there adequate fencing around the residence? Yes / No
- Is yard kept clear of debris or excess vegetation? Yes / No
- Is material that makes noise when walked on (e.g. rock mulch) used as ground cover near the residence? Yes / No

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MISCELLANEOUS

- Is home fitted with a good quality alarm system? Yes / No
- Does alarm system cover all entry points and areas of the home? Yes / No
- Are exterior security cameras installed? Yes / No
- Are exterior phone lines protected so they cannot be easily cut? Yes / No
- Are exterior utility boxes secured to prevent unauthorized access? Yes / No
- Is residence number visible from the street both day & night? Yes / No
- Are mowers, bicycles, tools, ladders, etc. secured when not in use? Yes / No
- Is mailbox clearly addressed? Yes / No
- Does mailbox have a locking system to protect your mail? Yes / No
- Are smoke & carbon monoxide detectors installed? Yes / No
- Do you have an escape plan in case of fire? Yes / No
- Are fire extinguishers available & easily accessible? Yes / No
- Do you have an inventory of all your valuable items? Yes / No
- Have valuable items been engraved with your Kentucky DL or ID number to identify your property if it is stolen? Yes / No
- Have you recorded the make, model, & serial number of valuable items? Yes / No
- Have you videotaped/photographed any valuable items without serial numbers or which cannot be engraved? Yes / No
- Are documents with personal information shredded before being placed in the recycle bin or trash? Yes / No
- Are birth certificates, SSN cards, passports, etc. stored in a safety deposit box or home safe? Yes / No
- Is your safe fireproof? Yes / No
- If you have firearms, are they unloaded or safely stored out of the reach of children? Yes / No
- Are prescription drugs, alcohol, medicines, vitamins, cleaning supplies, matches, or other dangerous products properly stored or locked up? Yes / No

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