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HOME SAFETY CHECK LIST

Josh Brown of Boy Scout Troop 12 has graciously provided us with an excellent tool with which our homes can be made safer during the vacation season. Please take a few minutes to go over the list with your family.

Survey your home with this checklist. Every "no" check mark shows a weak point that may help a burglar. As you and your parents eliminate the "no" checks, you improve your home protection.

Safe Practices

- | | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Do you keep a list of all valuable property? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Is such a list made in duplicate with at least one copy kept in a place outside your home area. In case of fire at home, the list will provide information necessary for insurance claims. | | |
| 2. Do you have a list of the serial numbers on your watches, cameras, typewriters, and similar items? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you have a description of other valuable property that doesn't have a number? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| It is important to have your mother's or father's driver's license number engraved on all items that might be stolen. Most police and sheriff offices have engraving pens available for the public to borrow to mark their equipment. The engraving pens can also be purchased for less than \$10 in hardware stores. | | |
| 4. Do you avoid unnecessary display or publicity about your valuables? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Showing a valuable coin collection at a Scout show can invite future loss. Similarly, a newspaper story about it can accomplish the same result. | | |
| 5. Do you keep excess cash and other valuables in a bank? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| A safety deposit box rental is a small investment compared with the potential loss from theft or fire. The box should be large enough to keep important papers and valuables that are used on an infrequent basis. | | |
| 6. Do you plan so that you don't need to "hide" a house key under the doormat or similar vicinity? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| This means leaving your house key with a close friend or reliable neighbor so that a burglar won't find it by just a little checking around. | | |
| 7. Have you told your family what to do if they discover a burglar breaking in or already in your house? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If you return to your home and find evidence that it has been entered, don't go in yourself. Go to a neighbor's house and phone the police or sheriff. If you enter your home and find a burglar inside, expect him to be frightened and dangerous. A scream may cause him to flee, | | |

but it may also incite an attack by him. Never struggle with a burglar unless you are in danger of serious physical harm. If you are forced to defend yourself, go all out. Scream, kick, gouge . . . use your hands, feet, and teeth to inflict as much pain as possible.

8. Have you told your family to leave the house undisturbed and call the sheriff or police if they discover a burglary has been committed?
It is important that you not move things around or otherwise disturb the interior of your home until the police have checked it out. Valuable evidence might be lost if things are moved.
9. Are your trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?
Keep doorways, windows, and porches clear when planting bushes and tall flowers. Remember that the bushes that provide you with privacy also give a burglar a place to hide.
10. Do you have a security closet with a solid core door, pinned hinges, and deadbolt lock?
This can be a place to keep things of value. Sounds caused by someone breaking into a security closet might reveal a burglar.
11. Do you have emergency telephone numbers listed on your phone?
In most areas of the country the 911 phone number will connect you with an emergency number. With the 911 system, the person who answers has an immediate check on your address through a computer.
12. Are your lights installed around the perimeter of your home?
Exterior lighting is extremely important in residential security. Each exterior doorway should be lighted to prevent a burglar from concealing his activities. Yards and windows should be lighted to prevent concealment. Ornamental porch lamps and yard post lamps are a means of eliminating night blind spots. Unless you live in an extremely hazardous burglary area, you will probably turn these off when you go to bed. Consider installing photoelectric on-off devices.
13. Is your house number easily visible from the street during all hours?
If it isn't possible to read your house number from the street at night without using a flashlight, you should consider lighting the number or having a visible curb number painted in front of your house.
14. Have you made it more difficult for the burglar by locking up your ladder, avoiding trellises and drain pipes that can be used as a ladder for access to the second floor?

Doors and Entry Areas

15. Are your doors of solid core construction?
Most developments use hollow core doors. These are fragile and it only takes a few hits with a hammer to break through so that your lock can be reached. If you have hollow core doors, consideration should be given to their replacement with solid doors.
16. Do entry doors have a wide-angle viewer?
This is also known as a "peephole". It gives you a chance to see who the caller is before opening the door.
17. Are your doors locks secure from being opened if a burglar breaks out a glass or a panel of light wood?
This calls for a lock that can only be opened from the inside with a key. Some communities don't permit this type of lock because it can prevent escape from a fire if the key isn't in place. If you use this type lock, the key should only be taken out when the house is empty. Check with your local law enforcement agency or building department regarding the legality of such a lock.
18. Do exterior doors have cylinder-type deadbolt locks with at least a 1-inch throw and beveled cylinder guard?
19. Do the doors without cylinder locks have a heavy bolt or some similar secure device that can be operated only from the inside?
20. Can all of your doors (basement, porch, French, balcony) be securely locked?
21. Do your basement doors have locks that allow you to isolate that part of your house?
Basements windows are among the easiest for a burglar to enter without detection. If your basement is securely locked from the rest of the house, the burglar's activity is limited to that area.
22. Are your locks all in good repair?
23. Are the door strike plates installed with 3-inch screws?
This will reach the stud.
24. Do you know everyone who has a key to your house?
- The main precaution here relates to the common habit of carrying your house keys on the same key ring as car keys. It's very easy to leave the keys together when the car is in a garage for repairs, or when left in a commercial parking lot that requires a separate driver to park your car. Your house key can be easily duplicated through your carelessness.
25. Do all outswing doors have the hinges pinned or have nonremoveable pins?
If you don't have nonremoveable pins, you can easily pin the door so that it can't be opened even if the hinge pins are removed. (See figure 1.)
26. Are entry areas unobstructed by shrubbery and other decor to permit maximum visibility?
27. Does the porch light have a minimum 60-watt bulb?
28. Do sliding doors have an auxiliary lock that locks both the door panels together or active side to the frame?
A wooden dowel can be placed in the floor track to prevent a sliding door from opening.
29. Is the garage door secured with a padlock, hasp, or other good auxiliary lock?
This includes garages with electric door openers, and in case of double-car garages, it's important to place a lock on each side, since a burglar can pull out one side and crawl through.
30. Do you lock your garage door at night?
31. Do you lock your garage door when you are away from home?
32. Do you lock your car and take the keys out even when it is parked in your garage?

Windows

33. Are all windows equipped with auxiliary key locks or pinned?
Sliding glass windows can be secured with a rod in the same manner as a sliding glass door.
34. Have you replaced or secured louver windows?
Consideration should be given to the replacement of any louver windows. They are easy to enter by a burglar. If not replaceable, epoxy the louver to its frame.

35. Are your window locks properly and securely mounted?
36. Do you keep your windows locked when they are shut?
37. Do you use locks that permit you to lock a window that is partly open?
38. In high hazard locations, do you use bars or ornamental grilles?
Basement windows are one of the most common points of entry for burglars. Such glass windows should be replaced with plexiglass or polycarbonate, or reinforced with security bars. For extremely vulnerable windows on the main and second floors, heavy-gauge metal ornamental grilles may be used. Grilles should be attached with one-way screws or fastened from the inside. Caution should be used to assure that bars or grilles don't create a fire escape hazard. They must have an inside mechanism that allows them to swing out in an emergency.
39. Do you have good secure locks on garage windows?
40. Do you have garage windows covered with curtains?
The purpose of curtains on garage windows is to prevent burglars from window shopping the items in your garage.
41. Are you as careful of basement and second story windows as you are of those on the first floor?

When You Go on a Trip

42. Do you arrange for friends or neighbors to pick up papers, milk, mail, packages?
43. Do you notify a neighbor you'll be gone?
44. Do you notify your police/sheriff?
This is important since, in most areas, such notification will cause the police to make regular inspections of your property while you are gone.
45. Do you leave some shades up or curtains open so that the home doesn't look deserted?
46. Do you arrange to keep your lawn maintained?
47. Do you have and use timing devices for your lights and radio?
Timing devices are quite common for lights, but some presence of sound is also important. You can hook up your radio to a timing device so that in addition to lights your radio will be playing during the hours of the day you might determine.

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Recently there have been several ducks and fish found dead in the Common areas and around the lake. Certainly we can expect to see some wildlife dying at certain times of the year; this is only natural. We can, however, prevent premature sickness and dying among the wildlife population by taking simple precautions.

SUMMERTIME REMINDERS

It's the season again for fun and outdoor activity. It is also the time when we see a lot more littering and vandalism.

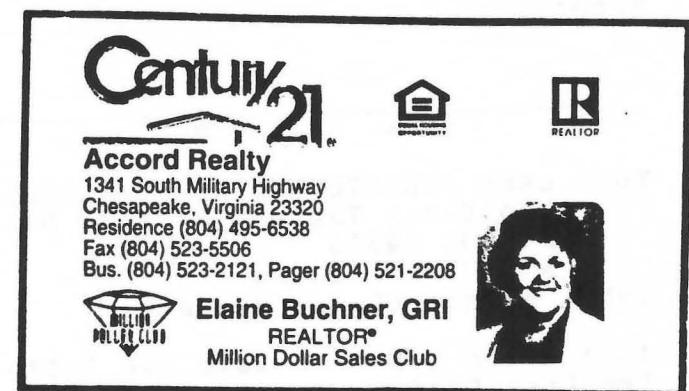
Please help keep the community looking attractive by helping to pick up the litter in the streets and sidewalks around your property. It is maddening to have to pick up after the clowns who perpetrate this, but these are some of the joys of homeownership.

The parks and entrance areas are being kept up by Association employees. But they cannot be there every minute. If you see a piece of trash or an empty bottle in the parks, please dispose of it in the trash cans available.

If you happen to catch a litterbug or vandal in the act, please get all the information you can about the person(s), ie. description, licence plate number, etc., and report it to the Police.

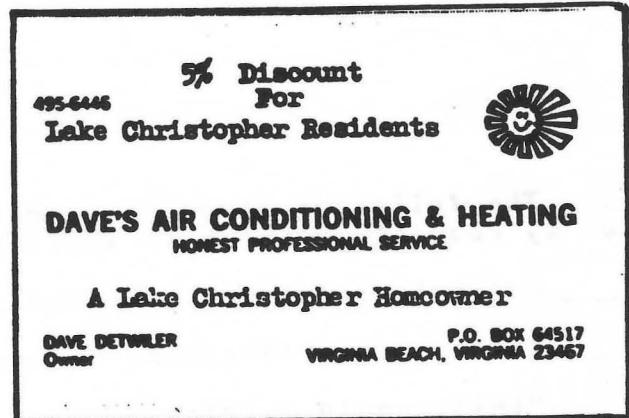


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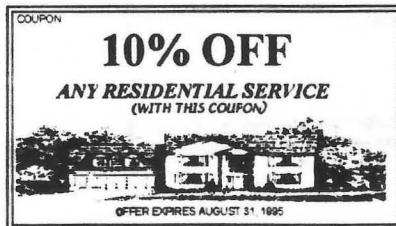
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2. The following have been enclosed to aid the committee in the approval of my request. (Check as applicable)

- Conceptual drawing. (Fence, dock, deck, addition, etc.)
- Color sample (Staining of siding or trim)
- Vinyl sample (siding)
- Vinyl trim sample
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BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Please call the Property Manager at 583-1801 or any of the Board members for location of the meetings. Interested homeowners are invited and encouraged to attend.

PROPERTY MANAGER

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