



EAST BRUNSWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Residential Self-Assessment

Security Checklist

The East Brunswick Police Department is committed to keeping residents and businesses secure in their communities. The Community Policing Unit offers free security survey evaluations based on availability, to both residents and businesses located within the boundaries of East Brunswick. For more information or to schedule a security survey, please contact the Community Policing Unit at 732-390-6938.

The following information is provided as a quick reference for residents who wish to self-evaluate their security and safety measures:

RESIDENTIAL SECURITY CHECKLIST

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 operable?
- Are the members of the household familiar with 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 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?