



EAST BRUNSWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Residential Self-Assessment

Security Checklist

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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?



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BUSINESS SECURITY CHECKLIST

Employees

- Are background checks conducted?
- Do these checks include: CSC, Misdemeanors and Felonies?
- Are checks done on cleaning staff, contracted employees?

Computers

- Does your business have firewalls set up on the computers?
- Do you utilize network locks and passwords?

Emergency Preparedness

- Do you have a plan in place if a fire were to occur in the building?
- Is a plan in place for a bomb threat or other acts of violence?
- Is a shelter area identified and are employees aware of the location?
- Do your staff or building occupants practice these plans periodically?

Access Control

- Does the business have a key management policy?
- Are keys that are lost or stolen reported?
- Do you have an effective key recovery program?

Alarm System

- Is the alarm system regularly maintained?
- Is the system operable?
- Are members of the business familiar with Novi's alarm ordinance?
- Are the members of the business familiar with the alarm's operation?

Safes

- Is the safe secured to the structure?
- Is the safe concealed?
- Is the safe fire or burglary rated?
- Is the safe connected to an alarm system?
- Is the safe monitored by CCTV system?

Video Surveillance

- Does the surveillance video have enough storage capabilities?
- Is up to date equipment used and is it easy to access video?
- Is the video of high quality?

Ceiling Construction

- Do the ceilings allow access between rooms and over walls?
- Does the business have suspended ceilings with panels?

Mechanical Rooms

- Are the computer servers located in the mechanical rooms?
- Are the valves secured and locked?
- Is there access control to this room?

Interior Doors

- Are the doors sturdy and resistant to force?
- Are the doors equipped with a workable locking device?
- Do the doors have hinge pins located inside?
- Are the door frames in good condition?

Interior Lighting

- Is the interior lighting adequate?
- Is an auxiliary source of lighting available?

Exterior Doors

- Are the doors sturdy and resistant to force?
- Are the doors equipped with a strike plate secured with 3" screws and do they have a deadbolt at least a 1" throw?
- Is the door connected to the alarm system?
- Is an eye viewer (180 degrees) installed?
- Are the door hinge pins located inside?

Exterior Windows

- Do the windows have adequate locks?
- Are the windows connected to the alarm system?
- Are unused windows secured?

Building Exterior

- Does the building have a fire escape and exits?
- Are telephone / power lines secured?
- Are the roof access secured and the air units secure?

Exterior Grounds

- Are fences and gates in good condition?
- Are trees trimmed six feet from the ground and are they away from the building to prevent roof access?
- Are tree trimmed as not to block lights?
- Are the bushes trimmed away from the windows?

Parking Areas

- Are the parking areas well lit?
- Are employee / customer parking areas defined?
- Are measures in place to restrict employee theft?
- Do the employees have a secured parking area?

Exterior Lighting

- Is there adequate lighting?
- Are the sides of the building, walkways well lit?
- Are electrical switch boxes secured?
- Are the lights on a timer?