

Is Your Home Secure? Put it to the Test

Here's a pop quiz on home security that you can answer in just a few minutes. "No" responses signify areas where you can improve upon your home's security. Take this quiz and ask yourself: Is my home ready to resist crime? To view the complete 75-question home security survey, visit our website.

HOME EXTERIOR

The way a house's exterior looks, and even how it sounds, can discourage a would-be thief from approaching. Crime prevention experts recommend a well-lit exterior with a bit of stone or gravel at points around the home. Landscaping plants should not be so thick that they can conceal a person approaching. Tree limbs should not provide access to upper floors.

- Are your house numbers at least 4 inches tall (preferably 6 inches) and clearly visible from the street (both day and night)?
- Are trees located so that they cannot be used to climb to an upper level of the home?
- Has decorative stone or rock that makes noise when someone walks on it been used as ground cover near the home?
- Do household members routinely secure items of value such as bicycles, lawn mowers, ladders, etc. when not in use?
- If there are detached buildings on the property (garage, shed, barn, etc.), are the doors and windows kept locked?
- Are vehicles parked outside locked and are garage door opener remotes removed?



DOORS & WINDOWS

Structurally sound and locked doors and windows are critical components of a secure building. Doors and windows can provide false comfort if they're cheaply made, easily compromised or often kept unlocked.

- Are exterior door strike plates secured to the frame of the house using screws at least 3 inches in length?
- Have locking "Charlie" bars been installed in the center of sliding glass doors in lieu of wooden dowels in the bottom track?
- Are exterior doors kept locked, even when someone is home?
- Are door locks in good repair?

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B'Nai Chaim Services

B'nai Chaim, a Reform Jewish Congregation serving southwest metro Denver, will have a Shabbat service on August 6 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. On August 13, there will be a Tot Shabbat service at 6:15 p.m. These services will be held at Congregation B'nai Chaim, 4716 South Coors Lane. An Oneg Shabbat will follow all services. All are welcome. Call **303-697-2668** or visit our website at www.bnaichaim.org for more information.

Blood Drive: August 30, 2010

The Bonfils Memorial Blood Center, assisted by the Kiwanis Club of Columbine, will be conducting the next community blood drive on Monday, August 30, 2010 from 1:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Columbine United Church, located at 6375 South Platte Canyon Road. Childcare will be provided for the children of donors between 1:00 and 4:30 p.m.

It is necessary for donors to make an appointment for this drive. Both previous and new donors may request an appointment via email to TomFairKiwanis@gmail.com by asking for a specific time between 1:00 and 6:30 p.m. (or by calling **Tom Fair at 303-808-6678** for donors without email).

— **Tom Fair: Blood Drive Chairman for the Columbine Kiwanis Club**

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- Do occupants of the home avoid hiding keys outside the residence other than in a lockbox secured to the structure?
- Do basement windows have security bars, grills, or other locking covers? Does the home have a safe for storage of firearms and other valuables?

GARAGE

The garage is all too often an easy entry point for thieves. Many people don't secure their garage doors as well as they secure other exterior doors.

- Is the overhead garage door kept closed when not in use?
- Is the pedestrian door between the garage and the home kept locked?
- Are windows into the garage covered or frosted to prevent visual inspection of valuables from the exterior?

VALUABLES & DOCUMENTS

Recording an inventory of valuables and securing important documents today can prevent future headaches if your home is burglarized.

- Have valuable papers (birth certificates, titles, deeds, social security cards, checks, tax records, passports, etc.) been secured in a fire resistant safe or in a safe deposit box?
- Do you have an accurate inventory of your valuables that includes make, model, and serial numbers?

WHAT'S NEXT?

This quiz is an excerpt from our complete home security survey, available on our website. Residents may also request an on-site review of their home's security by one of our certified crime prevention deputies. Deputies use the complete survey to assess the security of the property, and may recommend changes that can enhance safety for the occupants. To learn more, contact your area crime prevention deputy.

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— Sheriff Ted Mink

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