



# PLANTATION POLICE DEPARTMENT RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SURVEY



NAME	ADDRESS	OFFICER

## DOORS

YES NO

1. Are all exterior doors of the house made of metal or solid wood construction, with door viewers on solid exterior doors?  YES  NO

2. Are door frames strong enough & tight enough to prevent forcing, spreading, or jimmying?  YES  NO

3. Are door hinges protected from removal from the outside & if not, is a security hinge installed?  YES  NO



4. Are there windows in any door or within 40 inches of the locks?  YES  NO

5. Are all door locks adequate & in good repair?  YES  NO

6. Are strike plates adequate & properly installed with 1 1/2 screws?  YES  NO

7. Can the locking mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port, or pet entrance in the doorway?  YES  NO

8. Are all entrances lighted with at least a 40 watt light bulb?  YES  NO

9. Can the front entrance be observed from the street or public areas?  YES  NO

10. Does the porch or landscaping offer concealment from the street or public areas?  YES  NO

11. Does the sliding glass door have adequate locking devices & can the panel be secured from being lifted out of the track?  YES  NO



## GARAGE

YES

NO

1. Are all entrances from the garage to the living quarters of a metal or solid wood construction?

2. Does the door from the garage to the living quarters have locks adequate for an exterior entrance?

3. Are all garage windows properly secured and are the locking devices secured and working properly?

4. Does the garage door opener have a circuit cutoff to the garage door opener or can the power be turned off at the unit?

5. Does the garage door opener have a light that turns on when the garage door is opened & is it working properly?



6. Does the garage door have adequate locking devices?

7. Is the garage door kept secured and locked at all times?

8. If the garage door is not in use for a period of time, can the door be secured with a padlock?

9. Does the garage interior contain a attic entrance door in the ceiling & if so, is there a locking device installed?

10. Is the outside utility entrance to the garage as secured as required for all ground floor entrances & if the door contains a window, does the glass have impact resistant tinting or security screening?

11. Are there tools and ladders kept in the garage?

12. Are all entrances to the garage lighted on the outside by at least 40 watt light bulbs?

13. Does the occupant keep the auto panic alarm remote near them at night in case of an intrusion attempt?

## WINDOWS

YES

NO

1. Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?

2. Do windows contain supplemental locking devices that allow ventilation, yet provide a visual security deterrent?



3. Do windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?

4. Are there windows that open to areas that might be hazardous or are prone to entry by burglars?

5. Are exterior windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?

6. Is the exterior adequately lighted at all window areas with motion detector lighting?



7. Are trees and shrubbery kept trimmed back from windows to allow a visual line of sight from the street or public areas?

8. Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?

9. Do windows have impact resistant tinting?



## ALARMS

YES NO

1. Does the home have a security alarm system that is functional and meets the needs of the homeowner?

2. Does the alarm system have a reliable monitoring service and cellular back-up, incase the line is disconnected?

3. Is the alarm panel visual from the outside, allowing a potential burglar the ability to determine the alarm is active?



4. Does the alarm panel have adequate features for the needs of the homeowner, i.e. Intrusion, Fire, Panic, remote notification?

5. Does the alarm system have an inside audible alarm that will provide adequate sound to distract or deter a burglar?

6. Does the alarm system have exterior door intrusion detectors?

7. Does the alarm system have exterior window intrusion detector devices such as glass breaking sensors or magnetic tape?

8. Does the alarm system have motion detectors that cover exterior entrance points & are they set for pets to avoid false alarms?



9. Some alarm companies offer homeowners cellular notification options in the event of detected intrusion. The homeowner should notify the police before they respond to the home.

10. House numbers should be clearly visible from the street allowing emergency responders to locate the home quickly.



## HOME SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The homeowner should consider a home safe for the storage of firearms, precious metals, cameras, coin collects & money, and documents. This safe must be approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) as burglar & fire resistant. The safe should also be mounted to the floor or wall beam.

2. All valuables such as electronics, computer equipment, televisions, collectables, & jewelry, should be recorded, marked, and photographed in the event of a burglary, fire, or hurricane. Property should be marked in a non-conspicuous location with an owner applied marking. It is recommended that the driver's license of the owner be used and marked as: FL DL W555455544450. this will allow Law Enforcement Agencies across the world to identify the property, but is not a number criminals can easily access or use. All valuable property should be recorded by owner applied numbers, serial numbers, and model numbers. They should also be photographed for identification. All records of these items should be stored of site or sent to a friend or relative out of state.

3. The homeowner should prepare their homes before going on vacation or leaving their home unoccupied for long periods of time. Here are some helpful hints:

- Notify the Plantation Police that you are going to be gone from your home and request a "Vacation Watch". A Police Officer will check your home periodically while you are gone, and notify your listed contacts if there is a problem. Simply call **(954) 797-2100** for this service.
- Develop a relationship with your neighbors. Have them watch your home, pick-up your papers or flyers that are left at the door or driveway. Have them collect your mail or packages that are left at the door. Encourage them to park in your driveway periodically to appear someone is home. Have them turn on & off exterior, interior lights or even a television or radio.
- Do not publicize that you will be gone from your home; you never know who will know you will be gone or who they will tell.
- Turn the bells and ringers down or off on telephones & answering machines, burglaries will hear them and know they are not being answered or see the message light on the answering machine from a window.
- Lock your garage door and disconnect your garage door opener.

4. The homeowner should participate in a Neighborhood Watch Program. If your neighborhood does not have the program, consider starting one. The Neighborhood watch program is one of the most successful home safety & security programs in existence and the most successful community involvement program developed by the Police Department.

The Neighborhood Watch Program relies on a close relationship developed among homeowners in a neighborhood, who share information and watch for

suspicious activity, becoming the “eyes & ears” of the Police Department. Homeowners develop a relationship with a Crime Prevention Officer and are trained to detect and report suspicious activity in their neighborhood, as well as, how to make their home a “HARD TARGET”.

To participate in this program, contact the Plantation Police Crime Prevention Unit at **(954) 916-5601**.

6. The Plantation Police Department encourages homeowners to report all suspicious activity as well a quality of life concerns. If the homeowner observes safety issues such as:

- Street lights that are out or not operating properly.
- Roadway hazards or signs that are damaged.
- Homes that are unoccupied in need of repair or are health hazards.
- Conditions in the neighborhood that would encourage criminal behavior.
- Vehicles speeding or driving recklessly through the neighborhood.
- Suspicious persons checking vehicles or soliciting in the neighborhood.
- Suspicious vehicles parked or driving around the neighborhood.

Remember, Crime Prevention “**BEGINS WITH YOU**” learn to protect your community from crime and reduce to criminal opportunity.