Residential Security Survey

This confidential Residential Security Survey is a free service offered to you by the Novi Police Department. It is designed to reduce your vulnerability to crime by identifying existing or potential security weaknesses. Although the recommendations are effective, there is no guarantee you will not be victimized by crime. If good security practices are in effect, all applicable questions will be answered “Yes”. A “No” to any question indicates your home could be more secure and to follow the officer’s recommendations. (Y=Yes, N= No, N/A = No Applicable)

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 system operable?
___ Are the members of the household familiar 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 securely to the structure?
___ Are double hung windows 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?