

ORWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT
Home Security & Safety Checklist

The questions on this form are answered "Yes" or "No". Because each question suggests a recommendation, "No" answers will alert you to areas that could be improved.

PERIMETER SECURITY

Doors

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do all your exterior doors have a good quality deadbolt with no less than one-inch throw? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all latch-strike plates on your exterior doors secured with at least three-inch screws? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do your exterior doors having glass within three feet of the lock have double-cylinder deadbolts installed on them? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do all your exterior doors without glass have a wide-angle door viewer installed for identifying visitors? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all exterior doors constructed of solid wood? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you changed the locks since moving into your home or apartment? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you always lock your doors when you are home for the night or when you leave your residence? |

Sliding Glass Doors

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do all your sliding glass doors have at least one of the following? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track lock• Insertion pin lock• Hinged door bar• Metal or wooden dowel in track |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do your auxiliary locks prevent the door from being lifted out of its track? |

Garage Doors

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If your overhead garage door is equipped with an automatic opener, does it use a "rolling code" to foil "code grabbers"? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If your overhead garage door is not equipped with an automatic opener, does it have good-quality padlocks on both sides of the door? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your exterior man door and the door from the garage into your home have quality deadbolts? Are they always used? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you always close your overhead garage door, even when you are home? |

Windows

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all your windows secured with an auxiliary keyed window lock? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are the keys readily available in an emergency? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If you do not have keyed locks, are your windows additionally secured by pins or nails? |

- Have your auxiliary window locks been installed to allow ventilation while maintaining security?

Exterior Lighting

Yes No

- Is your front entrance lit well enough to enable you to identify visitors at night?
- Are all other entrances illuminated well?
- Do floodlights or some other type of area illumination cover all exterior sections of your home or property?
- Do motion sensors control your exterior lighting?

Landscaping

Yes No

- Are all your bushes, trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate areas for a person to hide near your doors and windows?
- Have tree limbs been trimmed to prevent access to upper floor windows or balconies?
- Have you planted "prickly" or thorny shrubbery near windows to discourage loitering or hiding?
- Is all outdoor foliage trimmed to prevent obstruction of exterior lighting?

Exterior Entries and Possessions

Yes No

- Are all your gates locked with quality, weatherproof padlocks?
- Are all sheds or outbuildings secured with a quality, weatherproof padlock?
- Are all valuables stored outside (bikes, ladders, lawnmowers, motorcycles, etc.) secured to a fixed, immovable object?

Swimming Pool Safety

Yes No

- Are all exterior doors leading to your pool area equipped with a specific door alarm that alerts you when someone has entered?
- If your pool area has a secondary fence, are the gates secured with a gate lock or auxiliary padlock?
- Is your pool area or property line surrounded by at least a six-foot high fence?
- Is every member of your household trained in CPR?

INTERIOR SECURITY

While You're Away

Yes No

- Do you have several lights in your home set up on automatic timers?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a working home alarm system? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you always remember to arm the alarm before you leave? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you know that your alarm system should be armed when you will be in your backyard for any length of time? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you discontinue mail and newspaper service when away from home on vacation or business? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you arrange for a friend or neighbor to come by and check on your home when you plan on being away several days or longer? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Does your telephone answering machine avoid announcing "We are not home right now?" |

Gun Safety

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| Yes | No | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all guns safely stored in a locked box, safe or vault? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all guns stored separately from the ammunition? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are guns that are intended for home protection equipped with a trigger guard lock? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have all members of your household been trained to treat every gun as though it were loaded? |

HOME SAFETY

Fire and Carbon Monoxide

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| Yes | No | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have smoke detectors in each of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hallways near bedrooms • Near family rooms and kitchen • Top of any stairway • Garage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there carbon monoxide detectors in the same areas as your smoke detectors? Is there an additional carbon monoxide detector near your furnace? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are there ABC-type fire extinguishers in your kitchen, garage and basement? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do all members of your household know exactly what to do in case of fire or other emergency? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you test your smoke detectors once a month? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year? (Hint: do this when we change our clocks from standard time to daylight savings time and back.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all flammables stored in original, marked containers away from sources of heat or flame? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all your valuable documents and possessions stored in a fire-rated safe? |