HOME SECURITY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

EXTERIOR

- ☐ Do you have exterior lights at every entry point?
- ☐ Do motion sensors control your outdoor lighting?
- ☐ Do you ensure landscaping and other structures do not provide a place where an intruder may hide?
- ☐ Are shrubs and bushes trimmed?
- ☐ Are large trees trimmed so the lower branches are more than 7 feet above the ground?
- ☐ Does your residence's appearance give the impression someone is home at all times?
- ☐ Are your storage sheds and buildings locked?
- ☐ Are all second floor windows or doors locked and/or secured?
- ☐ Are all other openings to your home such as skylights, crawl spaces or vents protected?
- ☐ Is your house number illuminated and easily visible from the street at all hours?
- ☐ Do you remove your keys from your vehicle and lock the vehicle?
- ☐ Do you have good lighting in your driveway and on the path leading to your main entry door?
- ☐ Do you have a privacy fence?

INTERIOR

- ☐ Do you check your doors and windows each time you leave home to ensure they are closed and locked?
- ☐ Do you keep your doors and windows locked when you are home?
- ☐ When away from home do you leave your window shades or blinds closed?
- ☐ When away from home do you leave a radio on and tuned to a talk only radio station?
- ☐ Do you have lights controlled by timers while you are away from home after dark?

DOORS

- ☐ Do you keep your doors locked at all times?
- ☐ Have you re-keyed your locks since you moved in?
- ☐ Do you leave your patio door open at night for ventilation, securing it with a patio door bar?
- ☐ Are your exterior doors solid core hardwoods or metal covered?
- ☐ Are entrance doors equipped with 1" good quality dead bolts?
- ☐ Is glass in outside doors at least 40" from the lock?
- ☐ Does your door snugly fit in your door jamb? (Within ¼ inch)?
- ☐ Do you have a patio door bar fastened into both the frame and the door to securely lock the door?
- ☐ Are the door hinges protected from outside removal?

GARAGE

- ☐ Does your garage door close tightly?
- ☐ Are garage doors closed and locked when not in use?
- ☐ Does your automatic garage door opener use a "tolling code" system to prevent "code grabbing"?
- ☐ Is there a switch to shut off the automatic garage door?
- ☐ Is the door from the garage into the house equipped with a deadbolt and do you always lock it?
- ☐ Can the garage lights be turned on from inside the house?
- ☐ Do you leave your garage door opener in a non-visible spot in your vehicle?
- ☐ Do you remove your keys from vehicles parked inside your garage even if the garage is locked?
- ☐ Do you remove all valuables from plain sight in your vehicle?

WINDOWS

- ☐ Are all basement and ground floor windows fitted with window security bars, security pins, or security latches?
- ☐ Do you have window coverings on all windows to prevent outsiders from seeing in?

ALARM SYSTEM

- ☐ Do you have a functioning alarm system installed in your home?
- ☐ Do you have sensors installed on every door and every window?
- ☐ Have you advised your neighbors to call the police should your alarm go off while you're away?

VACATIONS

- ☐ Have you stopped all deliveries?
- ☐ Have you left shades and blinds in their normal positions?
- ☐ Have you set timers on lights and a radio?
- ☐ Did you test your smoke and burglar alarms?
- ☐ Did you turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low?
- ☐ Is someone taking care of your yard?
- ☐ Is your mail being held or picked up?
- ☐ Have you notified your neighbors of your travel plans?
- ☐ Did you leave your vacation address and telephone number with a trusted neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency?
- ☐ Did you ask a neighbor to park in your driveway so it appears someone is home?

ADDITIONAL CHECKS

- ☐ Do you have any pet doors that are big enough for a small child to fit through?
- ☐ Do you keep a list of all valuable property, credit cards, and serial numbers in a safe place?