

Greene County Sheriff's Department Home Security Checklist

How would you like to go on a tour of your own home- a tour unlike any other you may have taken and one that may present your familiar surroundings in a new and important light ? Well now's the time. The tour outlined here has just one purpose: to help you look at each major room of your home and learn how to make it as safe as possible for every member of your family.

Entries

- Deadbolt locks and heavy duty strike plates.
- A peephole or an intercom system to allow you to monitor who is at the door.
- Outdoor security lighting that is timer or motion detector controlled.
- Shatterproof glazing in windowed doors.

Living, Dining and Family Rooms

- Extension cords placed safely away from areas where they could be stepped on or tripped over.
- Outlet surge protectors for sensitive audio, video, and computer equipment.
- Windows free of furniture and fitted with warning labels, on their screens, if small children are present.
- Programmable timers to turn lamps on and off while you're away.
- Window treatment free of dangling cords, if small children are present.
- Safety caps placed on any unused electrical outlets.

Kitchen

- Adequate task and general lighting.
- Safe storage for knives, food-processor blades and other sharp tools.
- Scatter rugs that have nonslip backings or that are attached with pads or double-faced tape.

Kitchen Cont'd

- Childproof safety latches on cabinets that contain cleaning materials.
- Electrical outlets that are fitted with ground-fault circuit interrupters.
- Individual gas connectors that are located where they can't be kicked or bent.
- Short, heavy-duty extension cords for appliances.
- A smoke detector.
- A fire extinguisher.
- A range hood or vent kept free of buildup grease.
- Storage for cloth items (such as hot pads and dish towels) and paper items (such as grocery sacks and paper towels) well away from the range.
- Radios, televisions, and small electric appliances located safely away from the sink.
- A list of emergency numbers located prominently near the phone.

Laundry Room

- A smoke detector.
- A fire extinguisher.
- A carbon-monoxide detector (for a gas dryer).
- Regularly cleaned dryer venting.

Furnace Room

- A smoke detector
- A carbon-monoxide detector.
- A fire Extinguisher

Baths

- An up-to-date first-aid kit.
- Anti-scald shower and tub water controls.
- Grab bars within easy reach in each tub and shower stall.
- Permanently recessed soap dishes to minimize the chance of injury in a fall.
- Shatter-resistant faucet parts with no sharp edges.
- A shower-stall light in a vapor proof enclosure, with the switch located at least 6 feet away from the shower stall.
- Shower and tub doors made of impact-resistant safety glass
- Slip-resistant flooring material.
- Scatter rugs that are securely anchored with pads or double-faced tape.
- Slip-resistant strips or mats on the floor, where water is likely to spill, and in the shower and tub.
- A night light.

- Childproof safety latches on cabinets containing potentially dangerous materials.
- An electrical outlet and fitted with a ground-fault circuit interrupter.

Bedrooms

- A list of emergency numbers posted near any telephones.
- An intercom that lets you monitor who's at entry doors, check on a sleeping child or alert the household in an emergency (in the master bedroom).

Bedrooms Cont'd

- The control center for your home security system.
- A master console that controls all yard and home security lighting.
- A smoke detector.
- A flashlight.
- A night light.
- Safety ladders (for bedrooms above ground floor).
- Windows free of furniture and fitted with warning labels on their screens, if small children are present.

Garage

- A smoke detector.
- A fire extinguisher.
- Adequate security locks on the door and the entry door from your home.
- A well-maintained automatic door opener with properly set sensitivity control.
- Outdoor security lighting that is timer or motion- detector controlled.

Workshop

- A smoke detector.
- A fire extinguisher.
- A first-aid kit.
- Well-maintained tools and equipment.
- Electrical outlets equipped with ground-fault circuit interrupters.
- A telephone for summoning emergency help.

If you have any question on how to keep your Home and Neighborhood safe please call the Greene County Sheriff's Department at 417-868-4040.