



# GULFPORT 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

**Yes    No**

#### Doors

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do all your exterior doors have a good-quality deadbolt lock with no less than a 1" throw?                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all latch-strike plates on your exterior doors secured with at least 3" screws?                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do your exterior doors having glass within 3 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 all your doors when you are home for the night or when you leave your residence?             |

#### Sliding Glass Doors

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do all your sliding glass doors have at least one of the following?<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- track lock</li> <li>- insertion pin lock</li> <li>- hinged door bar</li> <li>- metal or wooden dowel in track</li> </ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do your auxiliary locks prevent the door from being lifted out of it 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"/> | Do you 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?   |



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### Windows

- Are all your windows secured with an auxiliary keyed window lock?
- Are the keys readily available in an emergency?
- 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?

**Yes    No**

### Exterior Lighting

- 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?

**Yes    No**

### Landscaping

- 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?

**Yes    No**

### Exterior Entries and Possessions

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



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### Swimming Pool Safety

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are all exterior doors leading to your pool area equipped with a specific door alarm that alerts you when someone has entered? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If your pool area has a secondary fence, are the gates secured with a gate lock or auxiliary padlock?                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is your pool area or property line surrounded by at least a 6 foot high fence?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is every member of your household trained in CPR?  |

## Interior Security

**Yes      No**

### While You're Away

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have several lights in your home set up on automatic timers?   |
| <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 systems 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're not home right now?"   |

**Yes      No**

### Gun Safety

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <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? |



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### Fire and Carbon Monoxide

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a smoke detector in each of the following areas?<br>- hallways near bedrooms<br>- near family room and kitchen<br>- top of any stairway<br>- 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 detectors and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year?<br>(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 in 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?  |