

# St. Thomas Police Service – Home Security Self Audit

*These suggestions and observations will draw your attention to areas that, if corrected, may lower your chances of being a victim of crime*

## Landscaping

Yes	No
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Are your trees trimmed to maximize eye witness potential.	
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Do you have spiny, thorny (hostile vegetation) planted around fencing and low level windows.	
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Are your trees trimmed or located as to not allow access to the second floor.	
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Do you regularly groom & maintain landscaping.	
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Can neighbours see into your backyard? They should be able to.	
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If your property is fenced, do you routinely keep gates locked?	

## Lighting

Yes	No
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Do you have motion activated exterior lights?	
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Is there adequate illumination to prevent hiding near windows and doors?	
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Is your house number clearly visible from the road at night?	
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Have you considered energy efficient lighting applications which also assist in suspect identification?	
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Are all walkways leading to the residence well lit?	

## Your Neighbourhood

Yes	No
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Do you know all of your neighbours names?	
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Do you know your neighbours street addresses?	
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Do you call police when you observe suspicious vehicles or people?	

## Doors and Locks

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Are your exterior doors solid core or steel?	
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Do you have a "peep hole" in exterior doors?	
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Are sliding patio doors secured by a bolt and/or bar?	
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Does your deadbolt fully extend and go at least 1" into the door jam?	
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Is the strike plate in the door jam secured with 3" long screws?	

## Windows

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Do your windows have working lock mechanisms?	
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Are your sliding windows secured by secondary locking mechanisms or bars?	
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Do you have semi-permanent security bars or grills on basement windows?	
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Have you considered window security film?	

## When Away

Yes	No
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Do you cancel newspapers while away?	
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Are trusted neighbours or friends asked to watch your home?	
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Do you have your mail, newspaper, etc stopped, picked up or re-directed?	
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Do you have your lawn/snow removal maintained?	
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Are your interior lights on timers when you are away? Giving the appearance of someone being home.	

## Alarm & Camera Systems

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Have you considered a security alarm and/or camera system?	
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Do all responsible persons know how to arm and disarm the alarm and/or camera system?	
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Does your alarm and/or camera system have a back up power supply?	

## Garage

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Are garage windows secured to deny access at all times?	
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Do not leave garage door openers in vehicles parked outside the garage.	
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When away for extended periods, is the garage door disconnected from the inside?	
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Remove hand tools like hammers, drills and pry bars which can be used to break in.	

## Miscellaneous

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Are tool sheds and bicycles kept locked at all times?	
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Are ladders kept in locked areas?	
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Do you have a burglary resistant safe, storage container or hiding area for valuables?	
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Have you completed a video and/or written inventory of all your valuables including serial numbers?	
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Are your important papers (wills, insurance, passports, stocks, bonds, etc.) kept in a fire/ waterproof safe or off site in a safety deposit box.	
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Are your valuables inscribed or marked with an identifying number or symbol?	