



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

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| 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

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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

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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

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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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| When your alarm is activated, are police listed as the first contact by the alarm company? | |

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? | |