



# New Braunfels Police Department



## Home Inspection Security Survey

\* If you check marked Yes on the survey it indicates that you are meeting the recommended crime prevention standards from the Texas Crime Prevention Association. If a No was marked, this might be an area that you could invest in.

### **Front Entrance**

Yes   No

Is the door itself made of metal or solid wood construction?

Comment:

Is the door frame strong and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?

Comment:

Are door hinges protected from removal from the outside?

Comment:

Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?

Comment:

Is the door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum of 1" throw?

Comment:

Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3" screws?

Comment:

If there are no windows in the door, is there a wide angle viewer or voice intercom device present?

Comment:

Can the lock mechanism be reached through a mail slot, delivery port, or pet entrance at the doorway?

Comment:

Is there a screen or storm door with an adequate lock?

Comment:

Is exterior or front entrance lighted with at least a 40 watt light?

Comment:

Can front entrance be observed from the street or other public areas?

Comment:

Does porch or landscaping offer concealment from view from street or public areas?

Comment:

### **Side or Rear Entrance**

Yes  No

Is the door itself made of metal or solid wood construction?

Comment:

Is the door frame strong enough and tight enough to prevent forcing or spreading?

Comment:

Are door hinges protected from removal from the outside?

Comment:

Are there windows in the door or within 40 inches of the locks?

Comment:

Is the door secured by a deadbolt lock with a minimum 1 inch throw?

Comment:

Are strikes and strike plates adequate and properly installed with 3 inch screws?

Comment:

Can the locking mechanism be reached from outside through a delivery port or pet entrance?

Comment:

Is the exterior of the doorway lighted by at least a 40 watt bulb?

Comment:

Is the doorway concealed from street or neighbors view by porch, fence, or landscaping?

Comment:

Does the doorway have screen or storm doors with adequate locking mechanisms?

Comment:

If the door is a sliding glass door, is the sliding panel secured from being lifted out of the track?

Comment:

Is a "Charley-bar" or key operated lock used on the sliding glass door?

Comment:

### **Entrances from the garage and basement:**

Yes  No

Are all entrances to the living quarters from the garage and basement made of metal or solid wood construction?

Comment:

Does the door from the garage to the living quarters have locks adequate for exterior entrance?

Comment:

Does the door from the basement to the living quarters have an adequate lock operated from the living quarters side?

Comment:

### **Ground floor windows**

Yes  No

Do all the windows have adequate locks in operating condition?

Comment:

Do the windows have screens or storm windows that lock from the inside?

Comment:

Do any of the windows open to areas that offer special risk to burglary? If so, do the windows have bars or grills on them?

Comment:

Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structures or landscaping?

Comment:

Is the exterior adequately lighted at all window areas?

Comment:

### **Upper floor Windows**

Yes  No

Do any upper floor windows open to porches or garage roofs or roofs to other buildings?

Comment:

Are the windows adequately secured properly?

Comment:

Are the tree branches trimmed back from the upper floor windows?

Comment:

Are ladders kept outside the house where they are accessible?

Comment:

### **Basement doors and windows**

Yes No

Is there a door from the basement to the outside? Is the door properly secured?

Comment:

Is the outside basement entrance lighted by exterior lighted by an exterior light of at least 40 watts?

Comment:

Is the outside basement door concealed from the street or neighbors view?

Comment:

Are all basement windows adequately secured against forced entry?

Comment:

### **Garage Doors and windows**

Yes No

Is the vehicle entrance door to the garage equipped with adequate locking devices?

Comment:

Is the garage door kept closed and locked at all times?

Comment:

Are garage windows secured adequately for ground floor windows?

Comment:

Is the outside utility entrance to the garage as secure as the above ground entrances?

Comment:

Are tools, ladders, and other equipment kept in the garage?

Comment:

Are all garage doors lighted on the outside by at least a 40 watt bulb?

Comment:

### **Exterior of the Property**

Yes No

If there is a fence in good working order? Any repairs that need to be made?

Comment:

Is the fence obstructed by any weeds or other cover that would prevent easy viewing by passing motorists?

Comment:

Are there any unused or not needed fence gates?

Comment:

Are there any terrain features that would assist a burglar to enter the property?

Comment:

Are there appropriate amounts of "No Trespassing" signs posted around the property?

Comment:

Are there any bushes or shrubs within four (4) feet of any sidewalks, driveways, or building entrances or maintained at a height of not more than four (4) feet?

Comment:

Are the trees trimmed so that the lower branches are at least six (6) feet off the ground?

Comment:

In the parking lot areas, are the trees trimmed so they do not block out or obscure the light from light fixtures?

Comment:

Are trees trimmed so they cannot be used to gain access to an upper level of the building?

Comment:

Are thorny plants use as ground cover along fences and under first floor windows of the building?

Comment:

### **Safes**

Yes No

Is there a safe used for money or valuable property storage?

Comment:

If "yes" is the safe burglar resistant (able to withstand an attack with burglary tools or a torch for 30 minutes? Is the safe secured to the floor or imbedded in concrete?

Comment:

Is the safe protected by an electronic alarms system?

Comment:

If the safe has wheels or casters, have them been removed?

Comment:

### **Security Alarm System**

Yes No

Does your residence have an electronic alarm system?

Comment:

Was the alarm system installed by an experienced, reputable and reliable alarm installation company?

Comment:

Is the security alarm system monitored by a professional alarm monitoring company?

Comment:

If the alarm system is more than five (5) years old, has the equipment been evaluated for upgrading or updating?

Comment:

Does the alarm system have a back-up power source (battery/ generator)?

Comment:

Does the alarm system use a wired or wireless communication with alarm company?

Comment:

The implementation of all or any portion of the recommendations in this Security Assessment are NO guarantee or assurance that crime will go down, nor will they make the property crime-proof. The recommendations should, however, reduce the probability of crime if the strategies and recommendations are properly applied and consistently maintained.