

Vacation Security CHECKLIST



A house that is properly secured, looks “lived in” and is watched by neighbors is a far less likely target for thieves. Follow this checklist to secure your home before your big trip!

Access

- Lock all windows (including the bathroom)
- Secure sliding glass doors
- Lock door between the garage and the house
- Bolt the garage door from the inside
- Secure the side garage door
- Lock all side gates with a hardened padlock
- Lock and disable vehicles that are left behind
- Secure the front door with a deadbolt

Appliances

- Unplug major appliances
- Turn off gas and water
- Set automatic timers for lights, TVs, radio, etc.

Ask a Trusted Neighbor To...

- Hold onto a key to your house
- Water, mow, and rake your lawn
- Collect mail and newspapers (or stop delivery)
- Put your trash bins to the curb on pick-up day

Appearance

- Set interior lights and radio on a timer
- Move bicycles and valuable yard items inside
- Park extra vehicles in the garage (if possible)
- Place valuables in a safe deposit box

Did You Know?

About 34% of the time, thieves go in the front door, 23% of the time they go through the first-floor window, and 22% of the time they go in the back door. Often these points of entry are **unlocked!**

Around 87% of burglaries are considered preventable! Having strong locks on doors and windows drastically help to add another layer of protection to your home.



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If you plan on using the UCI Police Department's free Residence Check service, below is a list of informational fields you will need prior to completing the online form.

Your residence will be checked on a nightly basis to observe the following:

- ✓ Are doors/windows locked?
- ✓ Are there damages to the home?
- ✓ Are there damages to vehicles parked on the driveway or curb?
- ✓ If there are any suspicious circumstances (i.e. door/window ajar, side gate open, etc.)

RESIDENT INFORMATION

- Leaving date and time
- Returning date and time
- Resident's name
- Street address
- E-mail address
- Telephone #
- Emergency contact information

RESPONSIBLE PERSON INFORMATION

- Name
- Day telephone #
- Night telephone #
- Vehicle description

RESIDENCE INFORMATION

- Pool in yard: (Yes/No)
- Pets in yard: (Yes/No)
- Type of pets
- Newspaper stopped: (Yes/No)
- Mail stopped: (Yes/No)
- Rear yard locked: (Yes/No)
- Lights on inside: (Yes/No)
- Car(s) in driveway: (Yes/No)
- Car(s) make, color, and license plate

SECURITY ALARM INFORMATION

- Alarm company name
- Alarm company phone

The UCI Police Department's Residence Check service in no way guarantees that your property will be safe from vandalism or burglary, but merely provides the department with information of your whereabouts and the pertinent facts if a crime should occur.