



Hawthorne Police Department

Home Security Inspection

The Hawthorne Police Department currently offers free home security inspections for residential and commercial properties. The purpose of these inspections is to identify any security risks that may make your home or business vulnerable to criminals.

The Process: During normal business hours (8am-5pm/ M-Th) a trained police officer will inspect your home or business and provide you with a three page "Evaluation and Recommendations report."

Security Tips & Suggestions

- Get to know your neighbors and notify the police immediately of any suspicious people or vehicles in the neighborhood.
- Security systems should be installed by certified technicians and should include a loud siren, sensors on doors and motion sensors throughout the home.
- Deadbolt locks can provide your best security. Using high quality, name-brand locks can be well worth your investment.
- Consider installing outdoor floodlights that are motion-activated. Make sure they are placed high enough so that burglars can't easily tamper with them.
- Keep valuables away from windows so burglars can't see them from outside.
- Use an etching tool to mark your valuables (use driver's license number and state abbreviation-not your social security number).
- Keep model/serial numbers of valuables in a secure location.
- Trim trees/bushes around the property so burglars have fewer places to hide.
- Install peepholes in your exterior doors, and don't open the door to someone you don't know.
- Don't trust safety chains as these can easily be broken with force.

These precautionary tips should be used as guidelines and may not be sufficient to safeguard persons or property in **ALL** circumstances. These free inspections are only one of many tools used to prevent crime. To find out more or to make an appointment, please contact:

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