

ALARM AND SURVEILLANCE SECURITY

As the world progresses and technology has increased, the ability to use alarm systems and security cameras in your house has become a good choice. As you

may already have or plan to get security devices, be sure to analyze the best systems to use. Here are some tips:



▶▶▶ When using an alarm system, ensure it is connected to an alarm monitoring company for notification of possible police response.

▶▶▶ If you choose to install your alarm, install all sensors correctly to avoid nuisance alarms.

▶▶▶ Security cameras should be positioned to monitor all access points to your house.

▶▶▶ Best practices are to hire professionals for an alarm installation, as they know what is best for you and your house.

▶▶▶ Ensure you check wireless sensors for battery life, at least monthly.

SECURITY ON VACATION When going on a vacation it is always nice to know that your home is safe and secure. Here are tips while you are away:

▶▶▶ Create a plan.

▶▶▶ Notify the police and request house checks.

▶▶▶ Have a trusted friend watch your home.

▶▶▶ Most importantly lock up your house before you leave!



CONCLUSION

Regardless if you live on the base, off the base, in Lincoln Military Housing, or in a neighboring town, it is important to consider your home to be a castle! Make sure you fortify your castle and keep it secure. A few finally security tips for you are:

▶▶▶ Know if your neighborhood has a Neighborhood Watch program.

▶▶▶ Be involved in security for you and your neighbors.

▶▶▶ Know local law enforcement and military police phone numbers.



PHONE NUMBERS TO KNOW

Emergency911
PMO/Fire Dispatch760-830-3333/34
PMO Desk Sergeant760-830-6800/10
Sherriff Non-Emergency760-366-3781
Eagle Eye760-830-3937
Anonymous Tip Line760-830-4847



Home Security

Close the Window of Opportunity



What can you do to protect your home?

SECURITY AT HOME starts with you! You are responsible to keep your home secure, family safe, and belongings protected. This provides information how to accomplish that. Residents of Lincoln Military Housing locations must consult with them for safety and upgrades.

DOOR SECURITY The start of all home security should begin with doors. Most importantly lock your doors when you leave and even when home. Check locks at least monthly for operability. Other security tips are:

- »»» Use a deadbolt separate from the handle, as locks in the doorknob alone are not reliable.
- »»» Doors should be mounted so the hinges are on the interior.
- »»» Security gates with exterior hinges should be protected from hinge pin removal.
- »»» Do not use chain locks, they are poor security. Wide angle viewers are better.
- »»» Rekey locks immediately if keys are lost.

WINDOW SECURITY

Another important security location is your windows. Treat windows similar to doors as follows:

- »»» Lock windows with a latch that is not easily moved.
- »»» When windows are open, use a lock that does not allow for anyone to reach in to remove it and gain entry.
- »»» Place a wood dowel inside the interior window track for added security.
- »»» Windows can be pinned by drilling a hole in the window track and inserting a steel pin.
- »»» Lastly, the use of blinds help deter anyone from viewing inside your home and should be closed whenever possible.



GARAGE SECURITY

A common location that is overlooked within security of your home is the garage. Whether a garage is attached or detached, security with the garage is crucial to protection of a house.

- »»» If you park outside the garage, do not leave a remote opener in the vehicle.
- »»» Protect your emergency release from tampering by use of a guard or plate.
- »»» Consider a garage door lock bar on the interior of the garage.
- »»» If windows are installed, frost them to prevent view inside and deter a break-in.
- »»» Finally, lock the door from your garage into the house.

FENCE SECURITY

Another security aspect that is often overlooked is the fencing. Most desire a fence that is aesthetically pleasing, but what about security? Consider the following for your fencing:



- »»» With safety, security, and privacy in mind, use screens or materials to cover the fence, as the mere restriction of view can help deter intruders.
- »»» Lock gates with durable padlocks that are not easily removed.
- »»» If beauty is a concern, install spikes along the top of the fence at the same height as the overall fence, so it does not stand out.
- »»» Make sure your security fence is in good condition and not corroding or the ground is eroding, which will lead to collapse or passage under the fence.

LIGHTING SECURITY

The lights at your home are one of the number one things that should always exist. We know that no one likes a dark house, except for burglars. Brighten the dark areas to reduce criminal activity. Here are tips on lighting:



- »»» Install motion sensor floodlights on all sides of the house.
- »»» Use timers on your outside lights, so they turn on at dusk and turn off at dawn.
- »»» To minimize electricity cost and longer life cycle, use LED bulbs.
- »»» Light entries (front door back door, and garage door).
- »»» Provide illumination to areas where intruders can hide from view.



LANDSCAPING SECURITY

Most think home security is having alarms, sturdy doors, and locks, but fewer people think of the landscaping. While you may want privacy, consider these recommendations:

- »»» Do allow trees to block the view of the street from the front door.
- »»» Trim all hedges, trees, and plants so they do not block view out windows.
- »»» Refrain from having large trees in close proximity of doors which reduce hiding places.
- »»» If you have a two-story home, keep trees trimmed and unable to be used as climbing aids.
- »»» Maintain yards for beauty and security.

