

DEEPHAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

HOUSE CHECK PROGRAM

Dear Resident:

The Deephaven Police Department is pleased to provide house checks. When you are on vacation or out of town for an extended period of time, the Police Department will do a security check on your residence. This service involves a periodic drive-by/and or walk around of your residence. Generally the service is provided by a curbside view from the officer. If the officer sees anything unusual they will investigate the residence and property. **This does not guarantee that your home or property will not be vandalized or violated; it is a reassurance program to better pinpoint a time of occurrence if your home is criminally violated.** If you would like a house check, please call the Deephaven Police Department at 952-474-7555. **Please sign and date the form, and return it to the Police Department. House checks will not begin until a signed form is received by the Police Department. The form need only be signed once. The signed form will be kept on file at the Police Department. Subsequent house check requests will not require another signed form.**

Please take the necessary steps to ensure your home and property are secured. Here are some helpful tips to take before leaving town:

- Contact one or two trusted neighbors or family members and let them know what your itinerary will be and give them a phone number to each place you plan on staying. It would be helpful to leave a key, so your neighbor or family member can access your home in cases of emergency. If your house has an alarm, give the code to them so the alarm can be de-activated if it goes off.
- You should have the Post Office hold your mail or have your neighbor/family member pick it up daily.
- You should have the newspaper stopped or have it picked up daily.
- Leave a light on inside the home. This can be accomplished either by plugging in a lamp (or two) into a timer.
- Make sure your neighbor/family member takes care of the garbage, usually for the first week you're gone.
- If you are going to be gone for several weeks it is a good idea to have someone take care of your lawn or remove snow.
- Lock your garage doors and do not leave the keys in the vehicles.
- Activate your alarm system if you have one.

HOMEOWNER NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Disclaimer:

I have read and understand the House Check Program provided by the Deephaven Police Department.