

Have you informed...

- Local Law Enforcement Agency
- On site Security and/or Alarm Monitoring Co.
- Landlord/Association Manager
- Neighbor or Relative

Does Someone Have ...?

- Phone/Address list of where you will be?
- Code to your Security System
- Keys to your Home and other Locks

Is Someone...?

- Picking up your mail or have you requested stop delivery?
- Picking up your newspaper or have you requested stop delivery?
- Taking your trash can(s) to the curb to provide the appearance that someone is home?
- Mowing your lawn to provide the appearance that someone is home?
- Taking care of your pets?
- Regularly inspecting your home for damage?

All Emergencies (Police, Fire or Ambulance) 911

Animal Services

(760) 343-3644

Business Licenses

(760) 391- 4197

City Hall

(760) 391- 4000

Code Enforcement

(760) 391- 4123

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

(760) 391-4037

Fire Department (Business)

(760) 347- 0756

Indio Golf Course

(760) 391- 4049

Indio Police Dept Main Line (24-hours)

(760) 391- 4057

Indio Police Department Non-Emergency

(760) 391- 4051

Indio Water Authority (Business)

(760) 391- 4038

Graffiti Removal Hot Line

(760) 391- 4143

Neighborhood Watch

(760) 391-4037

Office of the Chief of Police

(760) 391- 4035

Senior Center

(760) 341- 4170

Special Events (Garage Sale and Event Permits)

(760) 391- 4175

Teen Center

(760) 541-4400

Coachella Valley Crime Stoppers (Anonymous Tips)

(760) 341-STOP

This brochure was developed by the Indio Police Department's C.H.I.P. program
(Citizens Helping Indio Police)



Vacation Home Checklist



**“Our Community
Our Commitment”**

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Many of the residents residing in the City of Indio are "Snow Birds." These Snow Birds are valuable members of our community. It is the hope that while our Snow Birds are away for the summer, that their homes, here in the City of Indio, will be free from crime.

There are many actions that you can take to protect your home while you are away for the summer. Those individuals willing to take advantage of our snow birds have one thing in common. They are looking for homes that appear to be vacant for the summer. Once they have found such a home, they then assess your vulnerability. In your hurry to head home, have you forgotten to lock all your windows or doors? Are there bushes covering the windows that they can use to hide behind while they break or force open that window? Are your neighbors also away for the summer?

There are simple actions you can take to minimize your chances of being victimized. Tell your neighbors you are leaving, stop the newspaper, and let your mailman know.

Our brochures on Home Security Hardware and Burglary Prevention are excellent handouts on how to better protect your home. You can find copies at www.indiopolice.org or stop by the Indio Police Station to pick up your copies.

The following check list is commonly provided by law enforcement agencies to their residents. While it is not all-inclusive, it does provide a basis for checking your home before you leave.

Doors to check:

- Front Door
- Rear/Side Door
- Patio Door
- House/Garage Divider Door
- Garage Access Door
- Sunroom/Porch Door
- Garage Door
- Garage Door #2
- Fence Gates
- Out Building/Storage Sheds

CHECK ALL WINDOW LOCKS Rooms to check windows:

- Master Bedroom
- Other Bedrooms
- Master Bath
- Bath #2
- Kitchen
- Den/Family Room
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Garage
- Out Building/Shed
- Other

Check the Operation of:

- Security System
- Inside Sensor Lights
- Electric Timer for Lights, TV or Radio
- Outside Sensor Lights
- Other Security Lights

Miscellaneous:

- Is your main water valve turned off and locked?
- Turn your water heater off. Remember to turn your water back on before turning your water heater back on.
- Unplug all appliances to protect against power surges and fires.
- Use timer and/or motion sensors on exterior lighting.
- Drain Toilets and tanks by holding down the flush lever.
- Is your up-dated property inventory in a safe place?
- Have you secured all weapons and valuables and locked all safes?
- Did you leave a vehicle parked in your driveway?
- Have you trimmed the bushes away from your windows?