



CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN

HOUSE CHECK SERVICE

Introduction

The Lafayette Police Department offers the residents of Lafayette the opportunity to have their homes placed on a watch list while the residents are out of the house for an extended period of time. This means that while you or a loved one are away, Officers from our department will provide extra patrol to the designated homes placed on the House Check Service's list. We can notify you, or the person whom you designate, of any emergencies that might occur at the home, and help individuals in resolving any unforeseen issues that are discovered while the house is vacant.

All you need to do is click on the **Request for House Check Form** located on our web site at www.lafayette.in.gov/police. Simply fill out the form from your computer and return it to the Lafayette Police Department. If you cannot send the form back from your computer, simply print the completed form and drop it by our department located at 20 N. 6th Street in downtown Lafayette. If necessary, we can also come by to pick up the form, and you can meet one of our officers. Please make sure we receive your request a few days prior to your departure.

Residences placed on the House Check Service list will receive random checks by uniformed Police Officers. We will walk around the perimeter of the home if accessible, and check all entry points. We will also look for evidence of other concerns, and make contact with the persons listed on the House Check Service form if needed. The patrols are random, and should not take the place of prudent security measures which everyone should take in an effort to give the appearance that someone is home. For more information about useful strategies see our Crime Prevention Bulletins for [CPTED Strategies](#), [Residential Burglary Prevention](#), or the [Home Security and Safety Checklist](#).

Please provide as much detail as you can on the form. It is important that we be able to communicate with someone, day or night, should we discover a problem or have a question about something we find at the home. We ask for a security code at the bottom of the House Check form. This is a safety measure to help verify we are speaking with the actual homeowner or authorized contact, should someone need to change information, or alter travel plans on the House Check Form. Please make sure to include detailed information about authorized individuals and vehicles which may also stop by the residence. This helps prevent a difficult encounter between police, and someone we feel could be unwanted or unauthorized.

Download **[Request for House Check Form](#)**

The Lafayette Police Department's Crime Prevention efforts are meant to strengthen the partnership between our members, and the community that we serve. We hope that together, we can make our community safer.

