

Home Check Program

Reserve Deputies from the Custer County Sheriff's Office will perform periodic checks of your property while it is unoccupied for extended periods of time through its **Home Check Program**. Visual checks will be conducted of the exterior of your house and outbuildings to ensure that these structures remain intact. Whenever a Home Check reveals something suspicious, Reserve Deputies will secure the area as much as possible and have paid Deputies dispatched to investigate further. Home Checks will be performed as staffing allows with the goal of checking the home at least twice a month. Upon your return, you will receive information detailing the dates/times that your home was checked.

Reserve Deputies will be driving Custer County Sheriff patrol vehicles and be wearing uniforms that clearly identify them as Custer County Deputies. The **Home Check Program** is a service that could not be offered by the Custer County Sheriff's Office without the assistance of the unpaid Reserve Deputy Force. Although there is no cost associated with the **Home Check Program**, any donations made to the Reserve Deputy Program would be greatly appreciated. Donations are used to secure uniforms, equipment and training for the volunteer Reserve Deputies.

The **Home Check Program** is available to residents of Custer County who have residential property that will be unoccupied for an extended period of time. As general rule, the property will be unoccupied for at least a three weeks but no more than nine months. The program is for residential properties only. The property must be within a 10 mile driving distance from downtown Custer and outside the City Limits. The access to the property must have winter maintenance performed. 2016 applicants will have first priority for acceptance. Business locations, rental properties, vacant properties, homes for sale and homes with a house sitter, other guest(s) staying in the home, or neighbors, and friends checking the condition of the home are not eligible.

If you are interested in the Home Check Program, please download the Application below, complete it, and bring it to the Custer County Sheriff's Office at 420 Mt Rushmore Road in Custer, SD during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8am- 5pm.

HOME CHECK PROGRAM APPLICATION AND INFORMATION FORM

| OWNER/PROPERTY INFORMATION | | |
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| NAME | LOCAL STREET ADDRESS (include P.O. Box #) | CITY |
| HOME PHONE | CELL PHONE/NUMBER WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED | E-MAIL |
| DIRECTIONS FROM DOWNTOWN CUSTER | | |
| DATE LEAVING (mm/dd/yyyy) | DATE RETURNING (mm/dd/yyyy) | |

| EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------|
| NAME | KEY HOLDER <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO | ADDRESS | TELEPHONE NUMBER |
| NAME | KEY HOLDER <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO | ADDRESS | TELEPHONE NUMBER |
| NAME | KEY HOLDER <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO | ADDRESS | TELEPHONE NUMBER |
| ALARM COMPANY | PHONE MUBER | ALARM CODE/PASSWORD | |

| LIGHTING INFORMATION |
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| List rooms/locations in or outside of the home where lights will either be left on or are on a timer or sensor. If on a timer, indicate turn on and turn off times. Be specific as possible (attach a separate sheet if necessary) |
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| AUTHORIZED VEHICLES ON SITE INFORMATION | | | |
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| MAKE AND MODEL | COLOR | YEAR | LICENSE PLATE NUMBER/STATE |
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| OTHER INFORMATION |
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| Will anyone be checking or working on the property (e.g., repair people, landscapers, snow plowers, cleaning people, etc.)? Are there any weapons being stored on the premises? Are there detached garages, barns or other buildings on the property? Is there any other information we need to know? Be specific. Attach a separate sheet if necessary. |
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I understand and acknowledge that the purpose of the Custer County Home Check Program is to identify residences that are unoccupied for an extended period of time and to increase patrol of these residences. I understand and acknowledge that the program offered is voluntary and does not create any special duty upon the County and Sheriff's Office and will be provided as time and manpower permit. I understand and acknowledge that no guarantee is made or assurance is given against loss and that the Custer County Sheriff's Office makes no representations of warranties with respect to the Home Check Program.

I hereby authorize the Custer County Sheriff's Office and its representatives to be on my property to visually inspect the exterior of my residence and any out buildings and take any action it deems necessary for the protection of my property during my absence, including but not limited to entering any building or structure on my property given reasonable cause to believe that there is an unsafe condition or that there may have been an unlawful entry. Further, I understand that no guarantee is made nor assurance is given against loss, theft or damage to property. I agree to hold harmless the Custer County Sheriff's Office and Custer County harmless for any all claims for personal injury, loss or damage to property that may be suffered through any action or lack thereof by a representative of the Custer County Sheriff's Office.

NAME: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____