

Bainbridge Island Police Department

625 Winslow Way East, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
206-842-5211



Vacation House Check Request

(Must be filled out and submitted in person with valid identification)

This form must be filled out and submitted **in person** with valid identification. To be eligible for this service, you must be away from home for a minimum of 3 days up to a maximum of 30 days. You are not eligible for this service if your house is unoccupied and under construction, unoccupied and listed for sale or rent, or if you have given permission for **anyone** to be there for any length of time (e.g. pet sitters, groundskeepers, house cleaners, house-sitters, friends or family members)!

Owner Name		Phone	*BIPD Only* Case No.
Address		Zip	
Depart Date/Time	Return Date/Time	If you come home earlier than stated, please contact BIPD immediately at 206-842-5211!	
Does your home have an alarm system? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Alarm Company: _____ Phone: _____			
It is best if you leave your door screens unlocked so doors can be checked. Are they <input type="checkbox"/> Locked <input type="checkbox"/> Unlocked			
Might your alarm go off if doors are firmly checked? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable			
Any windows intentionally left open? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, where? _____			
Lights On? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Timer(s)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Radio Left On? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Describe any vehicles parked on the property (do not include vehicles in garage):			
Vehicle #1: Make/Model	Color	License Number/State	
Vehicle #2: Make/Model	Color	License Number/State	
In Case of Emergency Contact Name		Phone	
Emergency Contact Address		City/ST/Zip	

I am requesting that Bainbridge Island police officers periodically check the exterior of my home while I am away as time and staffing allow. I understand this includes a perimeter check and a physical or visual check of all doors and windows. Exterior areas of my home that are not accessible will not be checked. In the event of an emergency, BIPD will attempt to contact me or the person I specified above. These security checks are provided as a courtesy and in no way guarantee that my property will be safe from vandalism or burglary. I understand this service will be discontinued at the end of 30 days (or sooner, if my return date is sooner as indicated above). My signature below indicates that I release the City of Bainbridge Island of any liability related to loss of property or damage that may occur during this time period.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Protecting Your Home While You're Away

A vacation away from home should be a pleasant experience for you and your family. Returning to a home that has been broken into is a very unpleasant homecoming. Your vacation will be more enjoyable and carefree when you know your home is secure. This information is designed to help you protect your home by following a few simple safety tips.

ONE MONTH PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

- Repair broken doors and windows.
- Install good quality locking devices on all exterior doors and windows if you haven't already done so.
- Register for a "Vacation House Check" with the Bainbridge Island Police Department.
- Arrange for your mail and papers to be stopped or forwarded.

A DAY OR TWO PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

- Mow the lawn and trim shrubbery.
- Store all ladders, tools, lawn equipment, etc. in a locked storage shed or your garage.
- Take your valuables to your bank safe deposit box.

ON THE DAY OF DEPARTURE

- Turn down the volume of your land-line so it cannot be heard from outside the house.
- Make sure gas appliances are turned off.
- Unplug small appliances such as fans, toasters, and electric coffee pots.
- Set timers or program your home security system to activate lights for evening hours.
- When leaving a vehicle in the driveway, park it against the garage door and make sure it's locked.
- Bolt the garage door from the inside and unplug your electric garage door opener.
- Make sure all doors and windows are locked.
- Leave a spare key and the phone numbers where you can be reached with your designated Emergency Contact person.
- Just before you leave, walk around the outside of your home and make sure everything is secure. Remove any large items that could be used for access into second story windows.
- Turn your water heater down to a low/vacation setting.