



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPS)

Volunteers In Police Service or VIPS are citizen volunteers who want to make a difference in our community.

They are trained by the police department; are attired in a distinctive uniform; and drive a marked vehicle.

Volunteer assistance frees up our police officers and staff for higher priority duties.

For information about the VIPS Program, contact the Volunteer Coordinator.

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Photo by David Hendry

House Check Applications

Available Online:
<http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/HouseChecks.htm>

Or Call:
House Check Hotline
(925) 779-6981.

SCHEDULING A HOUSE CHECK!

5 days prior to Departure.

Mail completed form to:
Antioch Police Department
300 L Street
Antioch, CA 94509

Or Fax to (925) 779-6892



VACATION HOUSE CHECK PROGRAM



**City of Antioch
Police Department
300 L Street
Antioch, CA 94509**

**Allan Cantando
Chief of Police**

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The House Check service is offered at no charge to **Antioch residents**. House Checks are provided by specially trained members of Volunteers In Police Service, VIPS, working in partnership with the police department.

House Checks are security checks of your property. Volunteers patrol your home and yard while you are away paying close attention to the details provided by the homeowner. Anything of a suspicious nature is reported to the police department. If further action is warranted, a police officer is dispatched. You can leave on your vacation with peace of mind that your home is being watched.

To receive a Vacation House Check complete an application form, making sure to provide all details requested. Mail or FAX the completed form to the police department at least 5 days prior to your departure. Our volunteers will take it from there!

And remember...

**THERE IS NO CHARGE
FOR THIS SERVICE!**



**VACATION IS A TIME FOR
FUN AND RELAXATION.**

**DON'T LET YOURS BE RUINED BY CRIME.
HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO KEEP YOU SAFE.**

BEFORE YOU TRAVEL...

- Before you leave, send an extra payment into your credit card company. That way you have a credit balance to use while on vacation and you won't be carrying around all that cash. *Also, there will be no bill waiting for you when you return!*
- Have reliable locks on all doors and windows...**AND USE THEM!**
- Never leave your house key under the doormat, in a flower pot or on the ledge of the door.
- Make your home appear "lived in". Use timers on your lights and radio. Have a neighbor/friend pick up your mail and newspaper. Keep lawn mowed and watered.

AFTER YOU ARRIVE...

- Unpack and place belongings in the closet and drawers. Arrange your belongings so that you will know if anything is missing.
- Always lock empty luggage, so they can't be used to carry your property out of your room.

- **NEVER** leave cash, jewelry or credit cards in your room. Use the hotel safe!
- At the beach...**NEVER** leave cash and cameras unattended on your towels/blanket. Thieves can just wait for you to enter the water and walk off with your valuables.

TIPS ON THE ROAD...

- Always lock your car when entering or leaving it.
- Park in well lit and busy areas.
- Always check your backseat prior to entering your vehicle.
- Lock your valuables in the trunk.
- Never carry large amounts of cash. Use traveler's checks or ATM machines. If you must carry large amounts of cash, do not openly display it.
- Keep record of your traveler check numbers in a safe place.
- Leave your trip plans and an emergency phone number with a relative or friend.



**REMINDER....
IF IT'S PREDICTABLE,
IT'S PREVENTABLE!**

