

Davis Police Department
2600 Fifth Street
Davis, CA 95616
Vacation House Check Program

The Davis Police Department Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) are pleased to offer the citizens of Davis a "Vacation House Check Program".

An authorization form is available on-line or at the Police Department, 2600 Fifth Street. Authorization forms must be delivered to the Police Department and signed in the presence of department personnel. We request, when possible, a three day notice of your departure.

Once your application is received, it will be forwarded to the Volunteer Coordinator and your house will be checked by VIPS on random days and times to make sure that it is secure.

The VIPS will walk the perimeter of your property and your home. We will check to make sure that doors and windows are secure. We will report anything suspicious and notify you or the person designated as your emergency contact.

The VIPS will not enter a yard that contains a pet. VIPS will not feed pets, water lawns/gardens, or collect mail, newspapers, etc.

As an officer safety issue, if you keep firearms in your home, please list this information in the "Additional Information" section of the application.

Before you leave home, please keep in mind the following Crime Prevention suggestions.

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Crime Prevention while on vacation begins with making sure your home is protected while you're away. The key is to make your home look like you never left.

- Keep shades and blinds in their normal positions
- Stop mail and newspapers, or ask a trusted neighbor to pick them up every day.
- Put timers on several house-hold lights so they turn on and off at appropriate times.
- Arrange to have yard work done while you are gone.
- Make sure all your door and window locks are in working order – and use them.
- Activate your home alarm (if you have one).
- Leave a radio on low, or put it on a timer.
- Turn off the ringer on your phone and turn down the volume on your answering machine.
- Allow a trusted neighbor to park in your drive-way.

For additional information, please contact our main Police Department number at 530-747-5400 and ask for the Volunteer Coordinator.