



# Hiawatha Police Department

101 Emmons Street Hiawatha, Iowa 52233

## House Check Application



Thank you for participating in our House Check Program. While you are away, officers will check and help keep an extra eye on your home. In addition, you can follow these simple crime prevention tips to help protect your home and belongings. You can give the impression your home is occupied by placing a light or a radio on a timer. Have your mail placed on hold or have someone pick it up for you. Stop your newspaper from being delivered and turn off your phone ringers. Also, don't forget to have someone mow your lawn or remove the snow from your driveway and sidewalks.

Other tips that could be helpful are to make certain you lock and secure all of your windows, doors, and garage. If it is possible place your important or expensive valuables such as cash, jewelry, or coins in a safe deposit box. Also, do not share that your home will be vacant to anyone and only share this with trusted family, friends or neighbors. Do not leave your vehicle(s) parked in the street as they will be ticketed and or impounded at your expense.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date \_\_\_\_\_

How can we contact you while you are away?

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Officers will walk around your house unless you request us not to. Yes – walk around / No – do not walk around.

Who do you want us to contact in the case of an emergency? Name, address, phone numbers, relation, and if they will have keys:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

List any lights or other items that will be on a timer or just left on:

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Other notable information to help officers as they check your home such as animals, alarms, or vehicles:

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**When you return home call the Hiawatha Police Department at (319) 393-1212 to cancel this house check.**

I authorize and grant the Hiawatha Police Department to have officers enter onto my property for the sole purpose to inspect the premises and the exterior of my house. They may enter my house for further inspection in the event it has been found to be unsecured or broken into. If my house or premises has been vandalized or found unsecured or broken into it is understood that officers will only contact someone who is listed as an emergency contact. I also understand that the House Check Program is a voluntary and free service and that no guarantee or assurance is made against any loss, theft, or damage to my house or premises. I understand that the house checks will be conducted frequently, although not necessarily daily, and that officers will not enter locked gates or back yards if animals are present. I will hold harmless the City of Hiawatha, the Hiawatha Police Department, and all its employees and agents for any and all claims of personal injury, loss, or damage to property that may be suffered through any action or lack thereof by a representative of the City of Hiawatha. I will call the Hiawatha Police Department when I return home to cancel this house check.

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Signature / date