

## HOME SECURITY

# Simple Steps for Protecting Your Home

## > How Can I Help My Community?

- Get to know your neighbours.
- Don't give information about neighbours to strangers.
- Offer to pick up mail and maintain the yard for your neighbours when they're away. They'll return the favour.
- **Be aware of suspicious activity.**  
**Write down what you see and report it to police.**  
**Don't assume someone else has reported it.**
- Get involved with local crime prevention associations.



## What Should I Look For?

### > SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AROUND HOUSES

- Dog barking more than usual
- Alarm sounding
- Ladder against house
- Broken windows
- Unusually high traffic at a house

### > SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES

- Erratic driving
- Idling near parks for long periods of time
- Vehicles driving at night without lights on
- Abandoned vehicles

### > SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE

- People looking in vehicles
- People acting erratically
- People trying to hide

### ROUTINE CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Valuables removed from vehicle
- ☐ Garage door opener removed from vehicle
- ☐ All doors locked (*including between attached garage and house*)
- ☐ All windows locked
- ☐ All gates locked
- ☐ Exterior lights turned on (*at night*)
- ☐ Expensive outdoor items stored in locked garage or outbuilding (*tools, lawn mower, grills, ATVs, etc.*)

### OTHER TIPS:

- Keep a list and photos of belongings in a secure location or with someone you trust.
- Keep vacation plans off social media.
- For parents, ensure your children know your address and how to call 911.
- For rural residents, ensure your family knows your rural address and legal land address.
- Never let a stranger in your house unless they are with a company and you are able to validate their identity.
- An alarm system is a very effective deterrent for criminals.
- Mark your property with your driver's licence number or consider using a property marking kit.



## > Call 911

for emergencies and crimes in progress

## > Report all other crime to:

your local RCMP non-emergency line



# Security Tips



Turn on lights at night.

Keep windows locked.

Keep garage locked. Install blinds in windows.

Install motion sensor lights.

Keep vehicle locked (*even in garage*).

Remove valuables from vehicles, including keys!

Keep outbuildings locked.

Store ATVs in a secure location and keys removed.

Keep doors locked (*don't hide key on property*).

Install peephole.

Keep plants trimmed for max visibility (shrubs 2 ft, trees 6 ft).

Make your address visible at night for first responders. Know your rural address.

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When putting out garbage, hide boxes of expensive items and shred personal documents.