



Crime Prevention Week

November 1st to 7th, 2019

Crime Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility

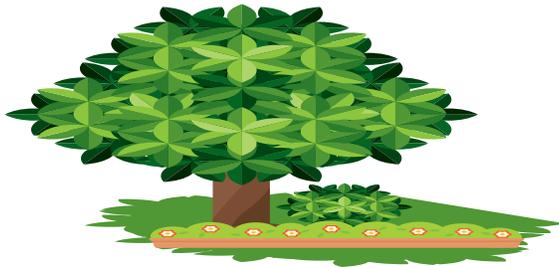


Preventing Property Crime

Get to know your neighbours

Neighbourhood safety is a shared responsibility.

- Take time to meet and engage with your neighbours and people on the street.
- Become familiar with the routines in your neighbourhood.
- Be aware of strangers. Look out for each other and inform others about unusual activities or strangers in the neighbourhood.
- Leave keys and emergency phone numbers with a trusted neighbour.



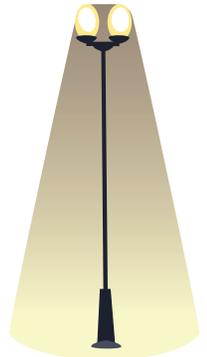
Landscape with safety in mind

- When adding landscape features such as trees, shrubs or hedges in the yard, consider their potential growth and final height.
- Keep landscape features maintained so that sightlines from the street do not obscure or create potential hiding spots for criminals.
- Research has found well maintained yards are less attractive to criminals.

Lighting matters

Lighting is necessary for people to see and be seen. Criminals do not like to be seen.

- Motion activated outdoor lighting fixtures can alert you to activity around the perimeter of your house and provide light when needed.
- Use timers to turn lights or the television on or off to give the appearance someone is home.



Create a Plan for when away

- Arrange to have your mail held at the post office or have someone check your mail regularly.
- Suspend your papers or have a neighbour or friend remove papers and flyers from your property.
- Arrange for lawn maintenance or snow removal to avoid advertising nobody is home.

Avoid advertising a shopping spree

As online shopping increases, so does the rate of parcel theft.

- Canada Post offers a Flex Delivery service where parcels can be delivered to a post office of your choice instead of the front door.
- Camera surveillance can deter thefts but may not prevent thefts.
- Smart locks allow users to lock or unlock their home to allow delivery drivers to place parcels inside the home.
- Have a trusted neighbour pick-up parcels left at your door and hold them for you or ask if you can have parcels shipped to their house.
- Have parcels delivered to your place of work, if possible?



Preventing Auto Crime



Any items left in a vehicle can become an appealing target for criminals. Help protect your vehicle by identifying risks and removing opportunities for criminals



- Wallets
- Credit cards
- Identification
- Cash & change



- Keys
- Garage door openers



- Sunglasses



- Personal electronics
- tablets
 - laptops
 - iPods
 - GPS
 - Dash cams



Items Most Popular to Criminals



- Smartphones
- Bluetooth devices



- Work tools



- Stereo equipment
- Car parts & accessories



- Documents containing personal or financial information
- Mail

Don't give criminals a chance

- Treat your keys like cash. Never leave your keys unguarded, such as at the gym or at the office.
- Don't store spare keys in the vehicle.
- Park in secure, well-lit open areas.
- Always lock your doors and close the windows, even if you're only away from your vehicle for a few minutes.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle. Shopping bags, tools, spare change, electronics, mail, and backpacks or brief cases can all tempt a thief. If it can be stolen, put it in the trunk or somewhere out of sight.
- Wait for garage door gates to close behind you. Don't give thieves a chance to sneak in to a parkade.
- Keep your garage door opener out of sight. Store your garage door remote in a glove box or other concealed place, or take it with you.

Use anti-theft devices

- Engine immobilizers or steering wheel locks can help secure vehicles, particularly if the vehicle was manufactured before 2007.
- Vehicle alarms will draw attention to would-be thieves with sirens, dash lights, beeps and other loud noises. Steering wheel locks provide good visual deterrents.

Establish a #9pmRoutine

Property crimes are often crimes of opportunity. To reduce the opportunity of becoming a victim of property crime establish a nightly routine to ensure valuables are removed from vehicles, vehicle doors and windows are locked, external doors and windows are locked, and an outside light is turned on.