



Vacations

- Have you stopped all regular deliveries (e.g., newspapers, milk, etc)?
- Have you left shades and blinds in their normal positions?
- Have you set timers on lights and radio?
- Did you test your smoke and burglar alarms?
- Did you turn the bell or ringer on your telephone down low?
- Have you unplugged or locked your overhead garage door to prevent entry?
- Is someone taking care of your yard?
- Is your mail being held or picked up?
- Have you notified your neighbors and asked them to keep an eye on your place?
- Have you left an address and telephone number for where you can be reached with a trusted neighbor so you can be contacted in case of an emergency?
- Did you ask a neighbor to park in your driveway so it appears someone is home?



www.blockwatch.com

Contact PORT ALBERNI RCMP

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 250.723-2424
Main Detachment
4444 Morton St, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 4M8

Reporting Crime On-Line:

<https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/portalberni/en>

Community Policing Volunteer Opportunities:

www.pacommunitypolicing.com



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Other Considerations

1. Belong to a Block Watch Program.
2. Secure your cat/dog entrances that are big enough for a small child to fit through.
3. Keep a list of all valuable property, credit cards and serial numbers in a safe place.
4. Engraved your valuable property with your driver's license or BC ID number?

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Home Security



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Doors

- Do you keep your doors locked at all times? Even when home
- Have you re-keyed your locks since you moved in?
- Do your doors have a wide-angle peephole viewer?
- Are all exterior doors solid core hardwood or metal covered?
- Are entrance doors equipped with 1" good quality dead bolts?
- Do you have 6" - 8" security strike plates?
- Is the strike plate reinforced with 3" screws that pass through the door frame and into the wall stud?
- Is glass in outside doors at least 40" from the lock?
- Is the glass in outside doors shatter resistant?
- Do all out-swing doors have a hinge with a locking pin or non-removable pins?
- Does your door snugly fit in your door jam (e.g., within 1/4 inch)?
- Do you have a patio door bar fastened into both the frame and the door to securely lock the door?
- Have you inserted screws into the top track of your patio door to prevent it from being lifted up and removed?
- Do you leave your patio door open at night for ventilation, securing it with a patio door bar?
- Do not open your door to anyone you don't know. Speak through the door.

Garage

- Does your garage door close tightly?
- Are garage doors closed and locked when not in use?
- Does your automatic garage door opener use a "rolling code" system to prevent "code grabbing"?
- If the garage door is not equipped with an electronic opener, does it have heavy duty padlocks installed on both sides of the door?
- Is there a switch to shut off the automatic garage door?
- Is the door from the garage into the house equipped with a deadbolt and do you always lock it?
- Can the garage lights be turned on from inside the house?
- Do you have window security bars installed on your garage windows?
- Do you have your garage door opener in a non-visible spot in your vehicle - or ideally not kept in your vehicle?
- Do you remove your keys from vehicles parked inside your garage even if the garage is locked?
- Do you remove all valuables from plain sight in your vehicle?
- Do you have window coverings on all windows?

Windows

- Are all basement and ground floor windows fitted with window security bars, security pins or security latches?
- Are basement and ground floor windows shatter resistant?
- Do you have window coverings on all windows to prevent outsiders from seeing in?
- If you have a window air conditioner, is it secured from the inside?
- Do you display decals on accessible windows that would alert potential intruders that you are security-minded and have preventative measures in place (e.g., that you have a home alarm system, private security and/or are an active Block Watch member)?

Alarm System

- Do you have a functioning alarm system installed in your home?
- Do you arm the alarm system if you are going to be in your backyard for any length of time?
- Do you have sensors installed on every door and every window?
- Do you have decals on your accessible windows and doors stating that the house is protected by an alarm system?
- Have you advised your neighbors to call the police should your alarm go off while you are away?