

EDUCATION



Educate yourself and your neighbors. Learning about neighbors, your area, and what to look out for. The more information you have, the more powerful you are.

When you know who belongs in your neighborhood, someone new will stick out quicker. For example, if people know you and your home, they're going to know if someone unfamiliar is coming in and out when you're not there. They can alert you and the authorities to the suspicious activity.

Second, inform yourself about the crimes in the neighborhood. Read the local newspaper or social media. By doing this you are more aware of common risks to look out for around the neighborhood, and again, it's easier to spot something if you know what to look for.

If you see something out of the ordinary in your neighbourhood, call the RCMP

CONTACT INFORMATION

For matters requiring URGENT police response and/or attendance

Emergency: 911
Police: 780-542-4456

SAFETY TIPS

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY

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CRIME PREVENTION BY ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN:

Improving your property can help prevent crime by providing a safer place for you, and less concealment for criminals.

One choice is to improve lighting. Dim lights make it easy for criminals to go unnoticed, installing bright LED lights linked to a motion sensor on the exterior of your home can make a huge difference.

A second option is video surveillance equipment on your home. Much cheaper today than ever before, many cameras offer cordless options and can be viewed on your computer or smartphone. The camera itself will act as a deterrent, and if the crime is still committed, video of the individual perpetrating the crime can help law enforcement identify the person or persons responsible.

Bushes, shrubs and trees can offer an intruder places to hide and camouflage signs of a break-in. Trim back any overgrown vegetation so that your home's windows, porches and doors are visible to neighbors and passersby.



HOME HARDENING & DECEPTION:



Use shades, drapes and other window treatments to keep potentially tempting household items out of view. Burglary is sometimes a crime of opportunity and “window-shopping” is one way criminals choose potential targets.

Be sure not to draw undue attention to your home by discarding empty boxes at the curb with your trash — a big problem during the holidays.

By putting out boxes from a new flat-screen television, video game system, a laptop computer or other expensive home electronics at the curb, you're showing a potential burglar exactly what new and valuable items are now available in your home.

Putting a timer switch on lamps or lighting set to activate about 30 to 45 minutes before it gets dark makes it appear more like someone is really at home, and combined with a radio or TV activating during the day or evening, that impression can be more convincing.

But the best form of protection is to simply lock all your doors and windows whenever you leave your home. Criminals prefer the easiest most accessible items. The more difficult you can make it, the less likely it is that they will target you.

VEHICLE SAFETY & CRIME PREVENTION:

Car thieves have become increasingly organized and in just a few seconds can have your vehicle open, or taken away.

Closing all your windows and locking your doors, even if you're just getting out for a few seconds, is strongly advised.

Never leave your vehicle running unattended.

Park in a well lit highly visible area whenever possible.

VIN etching is relatively cheap and comes with a window sticker. While it does not prevent theft, it certainly deters it as it makes it harder to resell the vehicle or parts, and easier for the police to track.

Place your vehicle in the garage whenever possible and ensure the garage is locked.

Never place your home address in the GPS unit.

At home, do not leave your vehicle keys visible and easy to find.

Keeping your registration on your person or in your wallet can make it harder for a vehicle thief to attempt to prove ownership.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

