



Halton Regional Police Service Crime Prevention Tips



Introduction:

Crime is not randomly distributed. It results from the convergence in time and space of a potential criminal with a suitable target, in a location and situation that favours an offender.

Crime prevention is the anticipation, recognition and appraisal of a crime risk, and the initiation of some action to remove or reduce it.

Follows is a series of easy and inexpensive crime prevention tips:

Crime Prevention at Home:

- Cut back shrub/bushes
- Keep heavy items away from windows and doors
- Remove ladders from gardens and store them inside
- Always illuminate the outside of your house
- Activate timers so your home remains lit when you are not there



- Keep drapes closed to prevent illuminating the inside of your home
- Always close and lock your garage door
- Secure all paper documents and valuables in a safety deposit box or store them in a safe place
- Away from home? Have someone collect your mail and shovel your driveway in the winter.
- If you arrive home to find your door ajar or a window broken, do not call out or enter. Contact the police.
- Be a good neighbour. Report suspicious activity to the police immediately.



Automobile Theft Reduction:

- Never leave your vehicle running when it is unattended
- Remove GPS, cell phones and laptops from your vehicle
- Park your vehicle in well lit areas when going out at night

Tips Under \$20:

- Use a 2x4 with a notch at the tip on a 45 degree angle to secure your door(s) from the inside
- Use cut wood or hockey sticks on patio doors and windows
- For better security, use flush bolts at the top and bottom of doors
- Place contact alarms on doors and windows
- Use motion lights on outside of your property
- Carry a whistle on your keychain for use, if needed
- Personal electronic devices are popular items with thieves. Consider downloading a tracking application to your smart phone, tablet and/or MP3 player. It may help police locate it in the event it is stolen.

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