



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.

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Automobile Theft Reduction:

- Park in well-lit and attended areas whenever possible
- Never leave your vehicle unattended with the engine running - even for a few seconds. Turn the ignition off and take the keys with you.
- Always lock all vehicle doors and windows when entering and exiting
- Never leave personal identification or valuables in your vehicle
- Lock all valuables in your trunk. Don't tempt thieves by leaving packages or purses in plain view or on the seat.
- Remove GPS navigation and cell phone devices from view when not in your vehicle

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.