



## Neighbourhood Safety



### Tips For Neighbourhood Safety

#### Vehicle Safety Tips:

- Park your vehicle within a locked/secure garage if possible
- If a garage is not accessible, park another vehicle behind it in the driveway to act as a physical barrier to its removal
- Lock the data port in your vehicle using a simple device that can be purchased online
- Invest in an aftermarket global positioning system (GPS) tracker
- Ensure your unattended vehicle(s) are locked and secure
- Never leave spare keys in your vehicle
- Never leave spare keys outside of your residence
- When not in use, place vehicle keys inside a radio frequency shielding bag/pouch
- Equip your vehicle with an anti-theft alarm
- Use other devices to deter thefts (e.g. steering wheel locking device)

#### Home Safety Tips:

- **Make your residence appear occupied even if you are not home** (timers for lights, leaving a radio or television on, close blinds and drapes)
- Reinforce front door frame, hinges, locks, and strike plates
- Use a NightLock-type device as well as a security bar on your front door
- Use a door blocker doorstop (Door Guardian-type device)

- Use window contacts (preferably with a security alarm system)
- Install security bars on all basement windows
- Install window films on your home's windows
- Close all window coverings when not at home
- Lock your home's garage mandoor at all times
- Secure valuables in safety deposit boxes or in non-traditional areas
- Remove garage door openers from vehicles parked in your driveways

#### Home Security Checklist:

- Ensure dead bolt locks on all external doors are secure
- Ensure the lower track of each sliding door is equipped with a fitted piece of wood or metal
- Lock all windows, garages and sheds
- Ensure all property is properly stored
- Draw curtains on basement and garage windows
- Activate alarms, and radio and light timers
- Turn exterior lighting on
- Always leave your home with a 'lived-in' look
- Do not leave notes about your status on your door
- Book a one-hour external security check conducted at your home; email [ProjectSafeGuard@haltonpolice.ca](mailto:ProjectSafeGuard@haltonpolice.ca) and include your name and contact number