



Halton Regional Police Service

Protect Yourself from Property Theft



Introduction

On Monday, August 4th, Burlington saw one of the worst storms in recent history pass through the area delivering two months' worth of rain in hours. The devastation of this storm has left many with flooded basements and damaged personal items.

During the cleanup from this storm, Halton Regional Police has been alerted to the theft of personal items and are asking residents to be mindful of where they are placing personal items to dry.

Halton Regional Police will be patrolling the city with all the resources possible to help minimize these occurrences but are asking residents to follow the steps below to help reduce the likelihood of thefts.

Identity Theft

- Do not dispose of electronic devices in the garbage, they could contain your personal information.
- Properly dispose of any documents containing personal information (i.e. shred).

Property Theft

- Do not leave property unattended if you will not be home, or over night.
- Utilize backyards and secure areas for laying property to dry.
- Ask neighbors to help watch for suspicious activity in your area and call the police if you notice something unusual or out of the ordinary.
- Gather a group and watch out for one another's property.
- Consider other methods of storage. (i.e. Portable storage pods, storage units)
- Make note of the property and of any serial numbers incase theft does occur.

Further Information and Resources

- Region of Halton: 3-1-1
- City of Burlington: 905-335-7600
- Halton Regional Police: 9-1-1 for emergencies
905-825-4777 for non-emergencies
- Equifax: 800-465-7166
- Transunion: 800-663-9980

If you Suspect Theft

- Call the police to file a report.
- Call the credit bureau to flag your identity.

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