

Prevention Outside the Home

- ◆ *Make sure exterior doors are solid core wood or metal.*
- ◆ *Install a good quality deadbolt lock on the door and a security strike plate on door frame.*
- ◆ *Always lock up ladders and tools. Don't give a burglar the resources to break into your home.*
- ◆ *Keep garage and tool shed locked.*
- ◆ *Remove all obstructions in your yard that could conceal a burglar breaking into your house.*
- ◆ *Can second story windows be accessed from a tree, ladder in the yard, or lower story roofs?*
- ◆ *Ask a trusted neighbour to use your driveway or parking space when leaving the house for extended periods.*



For more information on crime prevention, scan the following bar code matrix on your smart phone or visit our website at: www.torontopolice.on.ca/crimeprevention/



- ◆ In an emergency: **CALL 9-1-1**
- ◆ To report a crime to the Toronto Police that is not an emergency dial: **(416) 808-2222**
- ◆ To report a crime anonymously, call Crime Stoppers at: **1-800-222-8477(TIPS)** or online at: www.crimestoppers.com



For more information regarding break and enter, or other crime prevention topics, please contact the local Crime Prevention Officer at your local Police Division.



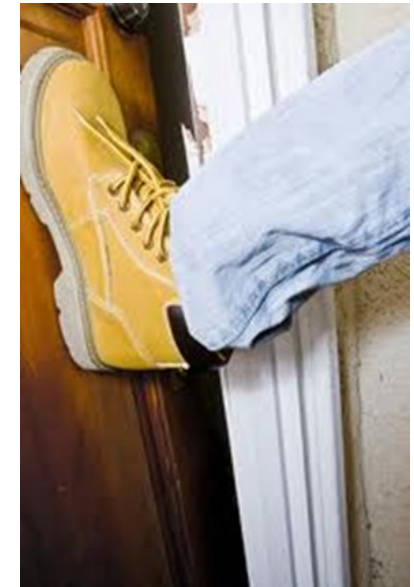
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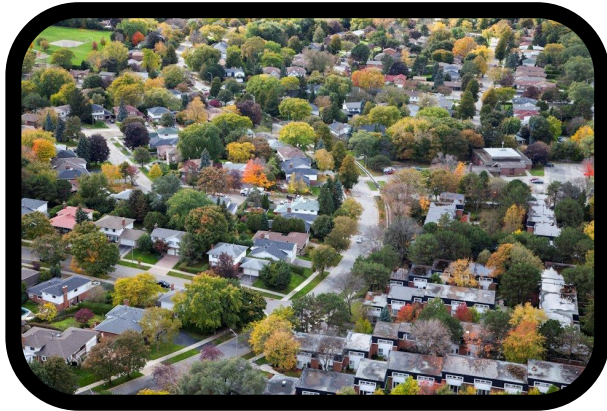
Break & Enter Prevention



Close the Window of
Opportunity.



Detection In Your Neighborhood



- ◆ Keep your ears and eyes open for suspicious vehicles and persons in the area of your residence.
- ◆ Do not confront possible suspects.
- ◆ Record the licence plate numbers and description of suspicious vehicles.
- ◆ Record detailed descriptions of occupants of suspicious vehicles.
- ◆ Report your concerns and observations immediately to the police.



Prevention Inside The Home

- ◆ Mark your property with an identifier that is unique to you.
- ◆ Borrow an engraver from your local police division or obtain a UV pen to mark your valuable belongings. This may discourage theft of valuables and will provide an easy way to identify stolen property.
- ◆ Record the contents of your home or cottage on paper, or use a video camera.
- ◆ Record the serial numbers of your property.
- ◆ Consider home security systems.
- ◆ Do not announce your absence on answering machine messages; leave a normal message on the machine.
- ◆ Check identification of sales and service people. Use the phone number in the phone book, not a number the person at the door provides.



- ◆ If you are away, make sure that your residence looks like it is occupied. Have the sidewalks shovelled, mail collected, and the grass trimmed. Use timers to have lights coming on and going off at different intervals.
- ◆ Avoid posting on social media sites when you are away from your residence.
- ◆ Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available bars or locks, or put a wooden dowel or broom handle in the door track. Burglars look for sliding glass doors because they are the easiest to open.



- ◆ Make "would-be" thieves visible, install motion lights or leave an exterior light on to illuminate entranceways and rear yards.
- ◆ Don't hide keys in secret places. Instead leave a duplicate with a friend or trusted neighbour.

Has Your Home Been Broken Into?

If you return home and discover that your house has been broken into, do not enter....the criminal may still be inside. Call the police immediately.

Do not touch anything or clean up until the police have arrived.... You may disturb evidence.