

# CRIME PREVENTION

## **Protecting Your Home**

Last year, the EPS investigated approximately 3,800 residential break-and-enter reports.

Your home is your most valuable asset – protect it!

# **Tips for Protecting Your Home**

#### When at Home

- When working in your yard or garage keep all doors locked.
- When in your house, keep your doors locked.
- Keep your blinds and/or curtains closed at night so people cannot see in.

#### In Your Yard

- Trim trees and bushes that could conceal burglars, specifically around windows and doors.
- Keep your yard maintained to give the house a lived-in appearance: keep grass cut, rake leaves, and remove dead branches and debris.
- Install additional exterior lights to brighten dark areas around doors, windows, and vehicles.

#### When on Vacation

- Arrange to have your mail picked up and stop delivery of newspapers/flyers.
- Remember to have the grass cut, the leaves raked, or the snow removed.
- Use timers on a few lamps in rooms where the light will be noticed from outside your house.
- Have a neighbour check both inside and outside the house every few days. Ask them to pick up items delivered while you are away.
- If you have an assigned parking space or driveway, ask a neighbour to park their car in your space.
- Set televisions or radios to play to give the impression that people are home.

### **In Your Community**

- Get to know your neighbours and your neighbourhood.
- Be aware of strangers and suspicious vehicles, and look out for neighbours and their property.
- Leave keys and emergency phone numbers with a trusted neighbour.
- Keep up appearances a well-tended neighborhood is less attractive to criminals and vandals.
- Get involved in crime prevention programs.

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