



**If you don't get
it, they will.**

Think Crime Prevention

Protecting Your Home

Your home is your most valuable asset —
protect it!

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Tips for Protecting Your Home

When at Home

- When in your house, garage or yard always keep your doors locked.
- Keep garage and house window coverings closed at night so others cannot see inside.
- Make note of your most valuable possessions: take photos of these items and track serial numbers where applicable.

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 motion sensitive exterior lights to brighten dark areas around doors, windows, and vehicles.
- Put away and secure tools, ladders, bicycles and any other outdoor valuables.

When on Vacation

- Have mail and other deliveries picked up; stop delivery of newspapers and flyers.
- Remember to have the grass cut, the leaves raked, or the snow removed.
- Use timers on lamps in rooms where the light can be seen from outside.
- Have a neighbour check the inside and outside of your home every few days.
- 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.
- Don't announce your vacation on your voicemail or via your social media accounts.

In Your Community

- Get to know your neighbours and your neighbourhood. If you feel comfortable, share contact information with your neighbours.
- 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.

Contact the Edmonton Police Service

- **9-1-1** for emergencies or crimes in progress
- **780-423-4567** for non-emergencies

For more crime prevention information visit
www.edmontonpolice.ca/crimeprevention