

Neighbourhood Crime Prevention

Reporting Crime and Suspicious Activities

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Home Security—Exterior

Outside Your Home

Cut back plants and move debris that gives criminals hiding spaces and cover. Don't let plants cover windows.

Residence number should be seen from the street, even at night.

Entrances and walkways to house and garage should be well-lit.

Bicycles, lawn mowers, BBQ, and ladders should be locked securely and out of sight.

Install a lock on backyard gates.

Exterior Doors

Choose solid-core exterior doors (4.5 cm thick), with a 180 degree peephole and a security strike plate.

Doorframes should be solid.

Avoid locks that are easy to break or forced through (like the popular hole-in-the-knob lock). A 2.5 cm deadbolt lock is the minimum security you should have.

Consider a security camera or door bell camera for the entrance.

Install a storm door and keep it locked as an added preventative measure. You can still open the primary door yet see and talk to your visitor through the locked storm door.

Avoid glass doors.

Use non-removable door hinges.

Door jambs are securely fastened and have strike plates secured to them with 6.35 cm screws.

Deadbolts extend sufficiently into strike plate.

Locks have been changed or re-keyed since you moved in.

Sliding patio doors can be taken off their tracks. Install metal screws in upper track to prevent this point of entry by filling the space above the door. Patio doors can be pinned or have special locks installed.

Pinning Windows

This is an easy safety technique for windows and sliding doors. Drill a 0.5cm hole through the inside frame into the outside frame and a place commercial pin or large nail through the hole. The point is to be able to prevent a window or door from being forced open easily from the outside.



Three Steps to Follow

Observe: Know what to watch for

Report: Call Police

Record: Write down the information

Remember to always lock your exterior doors.