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Protecting your home from burglary





Careful planning can help you reduce the likelihood of loss or damage due to burglary. The following suggestions can help you protect your property.

General Security Measures

- An electronic burglar alarm system can add to the protection of your home. Further protection is afforded if the alarm system is monitored by a security company. We recommend that any alarm system be serviced on an annual basis.
- The alarm system should be used at all times the house is unoccupied. If your home is two or three storey, we recommend zoning the alarm and arming the lower levels at night.
- Regularly check that all windows and external doors are securely locked when not in use.
- Exterior and interior doors that lead from the garage should be constructed of solid wood or metal and fitted with dead-locks.
- Ensure that side gates are locked when not in use and garden/storage sheds are securely locked at all times.
- A well illuminated home is less of a target. Programmable timing devices, which are fairly inexpensive to buy, can be used to activate interior and exterior lights. They should be set for different times to make it appear someone is home.

 Sensor activated security lighting strategically located to cover external entry points to the property can detect any unwanted entry.

When You Are Away

- Be sure to set your alarm system.
- Check that all doors and windows have been locked.
- Arrange for a neighbour or friend to periodically check your house and pick up your mail, newspaper and parcels.
- Use programmable timing devices for lights and radios.
- Store valuable items in a bank vault or safety deposit box.
- Lock vehicles that remain at your home and, if possible, park them in a garage.
- Lower the telephone ringer volume so that it cannot be heard from outside.
- Arrange for house-sitters if you are away for an extended period.

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