

Home Security Workshop

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When to call 911

- Violent crime or property crime in progress
- Above noted crime have just occurred and suspects are seen fleeing (you have description and last direction of travel)
- Above noted crime have just occurred and there is likely evidence at the scene (i.e. sexual assault)
- Motor vehicle collision with injuries
- Dangerous driving or Impaired driving that you observe or have just witnessed and have a description and last direction of travel.
- Medical Emergency, Fire



When to call 613-236-1222 ext. 7300 or attend any Police Station

- Report an incident after the fact.
- Any damage to house, yard, property or vehicle, not in progress. No suspect information.
- Traffic complaints, general or specific.
- Disputes for record purpose (i.e. neighbour)



Prevent Theft From Vehicles

- Don't leave personal identification, vehicle registration or insurance certificates or credit cards in your vehicle
- Remove valuables and shopping bags from view. This includes loose change and electronic devices.
- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended.
- Always close windows and lock all doors.
- Never leave your car or house keys in your vehicle.
- Park in well lit areas with pedestrian traffic.



Make The Right Call



Ottawa Police Service

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

ONLINE + BY PHONE



ONLINE REPORTING


Don't wait on the phone, save time and use our online reporting service for non-emergency reports such as:

- **Theft**
(excluding theft of passports)
- **Theft from Vehicle**
- **Traffic Complaints**
- **Mischief/ Damage to Property**
- **Drug Complaints**
- **Fraud Complaints**



REACH US BY PHONE

Some incidents require an officer in person, while other reports can be taken over the phone by a Call Centre agent.

9-1-1  for emergency

613-236-1222 for non-emergency reports

TTY 613-760-8100 

service for the Deaf, Deafened and Hard of Hearing

For anonymous tips, contact Crime Stoppers



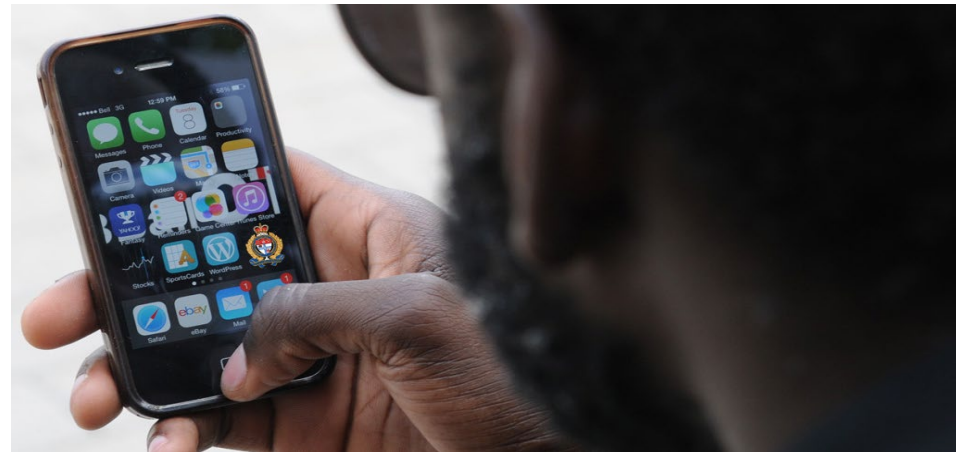
1-800-222-8477 (TIPS)
crimestoppers.ca



Ottawa Police Service App

Reports taken online are:

- Theft (Under \$5000)
- Lost Property (Under \$5000)
- Mischief/Damage to Property (Under \$5000)
- Theft from Vehicle (Under \$5000)
- Traffic Complaints
- Drug Complaints
- Fraud Complaints





Need To Know

Will this seminar prevent **ALL** break-ins at your home?

NO!

Can it reduce the chance your home will be hit?

YES!

How can we say that?

Because it will show you how to
deter, delay and discourage burglars.



Primary Methods of Entry

- Unlocked Windows
 - Basement or first floor windows usually at the rear of the house where they are less likely to be observed
- Patio Doors
 - Door is lifted out of track
- Unlocked Front Doors





Secondary Methods of Entry

- Breaking or Forcing Windows
 - Usually at the rear of the house
- Forcing Front, Side, or Rear Doors
 - Kicking in the door
 - Prying the door with either a crowbar or other tools
- Using a Ladder to Gain Entry Through Second Floor Windows
 - Ladders are usually those of resident, left in unlocked garages or at the side of the house





Profile of a residential target

- Homes Which Appear Unoccupied (i.e., Resident on Vacation)
 - Lawns not mowed
 - Newspapers piled at the front door
 - Accumulated mail
 - No lights at night at times when a family might be expected to be at home



Profile of a residential target

- Homes Where Resident Appears to Be at Work
 - Mail in mailbox
 - Advertising flyers left on porch or in mailbox



Specific things a thief looks for

- An unoccupied home confirmed by ringing doorbell or knocking on door
- An easy method of entry reasonably concealed from view:
 - Fenced in backyards or yards with large cedar hedges
 - Rear or side doors partially or completely concealed from view by fences, screened patios, shrubs, etc.



Specific things a thief looks for

- An Easy Method of Entry:
 - Unlocked doors or windows
 - Doors or windows that can be easily entered
 - Sliding windows or patio doors that can be lifted out of their tracks
 - Front, rear or side doors that contain glass or glass side panels that, if broken, allow the offender to unlock the door from the inside
 - Doors that can be easily forced using a foot, plastic card, or crowbar
 - Poor quality, inexpensive lockset



General Tips On Home Security

- Keep minimal quantities of cash at home
- Small portable valuables should be kept in a safety deposit box or a concealed home safe which is securely bolted in place
- Firearms should be stored in metal lockers and gun locks used.
- All firearms must be stored according to the Criminal Code Canada



General Tips On Home Security

- Something To Think About:

Take photos or videotape all valuables

- Get a clear picture of the serial number
- Store photos/tapes at another location
- Keep a record of serial numbers and description of possessions if photo/tapes are not used



General Tips On Home Security

- Change locks if keys have been lost or stolen
- Have the locks changed when moving into a new house or apartment
- Lock your garage



Away from home?

- Never post holiday plans on social media
- Let a trusted neighbour or relatives know when you are on vacation
- Leave some interior and exterior lights on or on timers so that your house looks occupied
- If possible, have a car in the driveway
- Arrange for someone to remove snow or cut grass and pick up mail/newspapers
- Secure or remove valuables from your home





When You Go Away On Vacation

- Lock your garage and disconnect power to the automatic doors



When You Go Away On Vacation

- Provide your neighbour with the phone number of where you will be or that of a relative so that someone may be contacted if necessary



'Do-it-yourself' Home Security Inspection

Look at your home from the street... or across the street

– Are house numbers clearly visible? At night? **And** could an ambulance or fire truck driver see them day or night (burglaries aren't the only bad things that can happen)

- Do shrubs, trees ..etc. obstruct the view of doors, windows
- Are there hiding spots for those who would pry windows
- Is there easy access to 2nd floor windows





Interior Inspection-front door



- Is there a dead bolt
- Is it locked
- Is there a peep hole in the door
- Is there a window on or near the door
- Could someone break the window, reach in and turn the dead bolt?



Your home's front lights

- Do they illuminate all doors and windows at the front of the house
- Are there blind spots where intruders can hide
- Are the lights on timers, light detectors, motion sensors
- Are the bulbs within easy reach of people who might want them out?



Is there a car in the driveway?



- Is it locked
- Is the garage door opener on the visor
- Is there ID in the glove compartment
- Are there visible valuables in the car?

Don't extend the invitation!



Visibility into yard-is your yard too private?

- Can neighbours see into your side and back yard and can your neighbours see your basement windows
- Your neighbours are often the first line of defense!
- 12' high cedar hedges are great for your privacy..and the criminals who want to break into your home!



Visibility into house-displaying your treasures?

What can you see in the house from your back yard

- Look carefully into the main floor and basement windows, do you see laptops, cameras, jewelry boxes..etc
- How accessible are the upstairs windows
- What climbing aids are the back yard, shed? (garbage cans, bikes, patio chairs, picnic tables)



Target Hardening – Exterior Grounds

- Back yard
 - Privacy fence
 - Are all gates lockable and kept locked
 - Is lighting around doors and windows adequate
 - Are lights motion detector controlled
 - Are switch operated exterior lights on, especially when the resident is not at home
 - Are light bulbs protected
- Are climbable objects present



Target Hardening - Locks

- Locks are the first line of defense against intruders. It has often been said that the average lock is designed to keep out honest people



Auxiliary Locks - Deadbolts



- The Deadbolt gets its name from the fact that it does not move (is “dead”) except with a key or thumb turn

Lock when you leave!

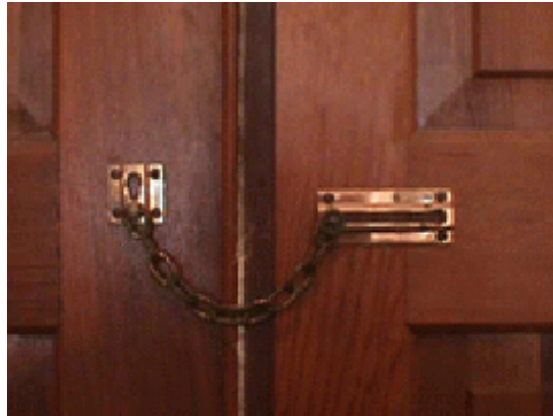


Fire / Emergency Warning

- It is important to consider the safety of all occupants of a home when installing double-cylinder door locks
- Homeowners/residents must ensure that an exit is available by leaving the key in the lock (a captive key may be best), or not using your auxiliary lock when the home is occupied



Chain Locks



- Not recommended



Striker Plate

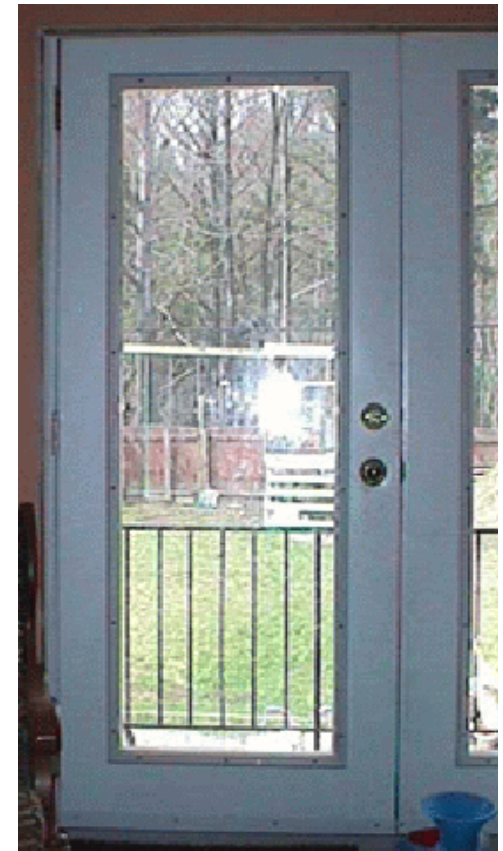


- An extended striker plate, when attached with 2-1/2" to 3" screws, adds a substantial degree of strength to the frame
- A striker with a box that encloses the bolt offers the greatest protection



Common Doors With Glass Or Thin Panels

- Consider using more secure glass or strong plastic
- A solution is the installation of a double cylinder auxiliary lock, **BUT REMEMBER FIRE AND EMERGENCY SAFETY**





French Or Double Doors

- On the active door, install a jimmy resistant vertical deadbolt with a double cylinder if the doors have glass. This device not only locks the active door but also bolts the two doors snugly together





Sliding Doors And Windows

- Exterior sliding doors and windows have a number of security problems in common





Sliding Doors And Windows

- The use of a metal rod, a broomstick, or a dowel to fit snugly along the bottom track will prevent the door/window from being forced open. Locksmiths sell metal “Charlie bars” if you prefer





Grillwork, Guards, And Bars





Grillwork, Guards, And Bars - Basements

- Make sure all such devices are installed in such a way that they cannot be removed easily except from the inside, or with very great difficulty from the outside
- This kind of protection should only be used on windows that are not needed as fire exits



Alarm Requirements

- An alarm system is a good deterrent to the average offender





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