

SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION TIPS & REMINDERS

It's shaping up to be a wonderful summer for those who live, work and play in the City of Hamilton and the Hamilton Police Service would like to help make it a safe and enjoyable one by engaging everyone to do their part. Let's not make it easy for crime to take place in our communities. Below are some tips and reminders to help all of us.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Make neighbours aware that you'll be away.
- Ask friends or family to collect your mail/flyers while you're away.
- Consider NOT publicizing your absence using social networking sites before/during your time away.
- Ensure all windows and doors are locked on ground floors especially at night. Leaving ground floor windows open or insecure makes for an easy access point to would-be thieves to reach inside and steal valuables like purses, wallets or keys.
- Before spending time gardening or relaxing in your backyard take a minute to secure doors and windows that will be out of your view. Not doing so creates an opportunity for someone to enter your home and steal valuables left inside.
- Make sure all doors and locks are working on all outdoor sheds/garages.
- Don't leave bicycles on your property insecure at any time. Secure your bicycle using a proper bicycle lock.
- Keep all hedges trimmed to prevent easy cover for thieves to go unseen by your neighbours or witnesses.
- Consider installing motion activated lighting around your home/garage and set timers using indoor lighting systems to deter trespassers and thieves from being on your property.
- Set your alarm and security systems when away from your home. Even for "just a minute".

TO STUDENTS

- Don't leave valuables in common areas of your residence where unknown guests may have access to your property.
- Secure all doors and windows to the residence making sure that all residents have a key. Doing so ensures that unwanted guests or trespassers don't have easy access to your valuables inside.
- Keep all electronics, laptop computers, tablets, smartphones and other valuables secure and away from easily accessible doors and windows.
- Take time to record serial number information of valuables and consider activating location services on electronics which could assist in locating lost or stolen property.

If you observe any suspicious activity or people **at any time of day or night** or observe a crime in progress please contact Police to report this information using the appropriate contact information below.

PHONE

Police Non-Emergency Reporting: 905-546-4925
Police Emergencies: 911
Crime Stoppers Anonymous Tips: 1-800-222-8477

Please note that all reports must be taken over the phone or in person at any of our local stations.

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