

## Home Security

If you answer YES to most of all the questions on the following survey, your home is probably as secure as possible. If you answer NO to more than a few questions, you may be too vulnerable.

### DOORS

- Does the door have a 180 degree peephole?
- Are your inside locks at least 40 inches from glass?
- Are entrance doors solid core?
- Do entrance doors have 1 inch deadbolt locks?
- Are outside hinge pins non-removable?
- Does the door securely fit jamb?
- Is door jamb tightly fastened?
- Is striker plate securely fastened jamb with 2-1/2 inch screws
- Does bolt extend sufficiently into striker plate?
- Have locks been changed or re-keyed since you moved in?

### WINDOWS

- Have double hung windows been pinned?
- Do metal windows have auxiliary locks?
- Can windows left open for ventilation be secured?
- Do basement windows have auxiliary locks?
- Do curtains fully cover windows?
- Is window air conditioner secured from inside?

## **GARAGE**

- Does the door close tightly?
- Does the overhead door have a quality track padlock?
- Is the hasp of good quality, installed without screws showing?
- Do you keep overhead - garage doors closed and locked when not in use?
- Curtains closed?
- Garage door opener secure?
- Do you remove vehicle keys when garage is locked?
- Can garage light be turned on from inside the house?

## **EXTERIOR**

- Do you belong to a Neighborhood Watch Program?  
(check with local RCMP office for information)
- Are shrubs cut below window level?
- Are tree limbs cut above window level?
- Is the residence number visible from street?
- Is the residence number visible from street at night?
- Is the residence number visible from the lane?
- Is the front door well lit?
- Is there a motion sensor light?
- Is there flood lights?
- Are bicycles, mowers, ladders, etc. kept inside or secured?
- Are picnic tables secured?

## **Vacations**

- Do you stop deliveries i.e. newspapers?
- Do you leave shades and blinds in normal position?
- Do you notify neighbors?
- Do you set light timers?
- Do you set the tv/stereo on a timer?
- Do you have someone check your place when you are away?
- Do you have someone check your yard when you are away?

## **ADDITIONAL CHECKS**

- Do you keep most of your cash in the bank?
- Do you keep a list of all valuable property, credit cards and serial numbers in a safe place (bank safety deposit box)?
- Have you engraved valuable property with your identification (i.e. driver's license)?

## HOME SECURITY TIPS

- Install security-rated locks on doors and windows.
- Change locks upon moving into a new residence.
  
- Install a peep-hole in your door and ask visitors to identify themselves. You should not open the door to strangers.
  
- If someone you don't know comes to the door asking to use your phone, offer to make the call for them.
  
- Always be aware of your surroundings - especially in the laundry rooms, parking garages and elevators.
  
- List only your initials and last name on the mailbox or in the telephone book. Don't list your first name.
  
- Never give personal information to telephone solicitors or wrong number callers.
  
- Never give personal information on the computer internet.
  
- Get to know your neighbors. Arrangements can be made to keep an eye in each other's homes or apartments when away.
  
- Make sure that all entrances are well lit.
  
- Have your key ready as you approach the door.
  
- Don't hide spare keys.
  
- Have emergency telephone numbers on you (wallet) or near your phone.
  
- Have an escape plan that allows you to leave your residence quickly.

***Reply on Good Judgment when it comes to Home Safety***