



BE SAFE IN AND OUT OF YOUR HOME

At Home

- DO lock doors and windows. Install deadbolts and use them, even when at home.
- DO install a wide-angle peephole.
- DO close blinds and curtains after dark.
- DO lock any door that's not visible to you when doing work in your yard.
- DO get to know your neighbours. Look out for each other.
- DO keep your home well lit. Use timer lights when away.
- DO keep shrubs and trees trimmed. Get rid of potential hiding places.
- DO make sure your street number address is visible for emergency services (police, fire, ambulance).
- DO install motion sensor lights outside and use timer lights inside.
- DON'T forget to have someone remove snow or cut your lawn while away for extended periods. Have a neighbour pick up your mail.
- DON'T indicate you live alone on your answering machine message.
- DON'T feel you have to open your door or let someone in. It is your home. If someone asks to use your phone, make the call for them.
- DON'T follow a predictable routine. Change it up.

In an Apartment

- Treat any entrance to your apartment building as if it were your own front door.
- DON'T "buzz" people in if you don't know who they are or aren't expecting them.
- DON'T let people in the building by holding the door for unknown persons.
- DON'T use your first name on the intercom if you are a female living alone. Just use initials.
- DO keep your balcony door secure.
- Use laundry rooms with a friend or during the day only.
- DON'T get on an elevator if you feel uncomfortable about who is

inside. If someone gets on and makes you uncomfortable get off. When riding the elevator stand near the panel and door.

Away from Home

- DO have your keys ready when approaching your door.
- DO lock car doors, this includes when driving!
- DO use busy streets and roads.
- DO let go of your purse if someone grabs it. Holding on may result in you getting hurt.
- DO park close to entrances and exits in parking structures, there's more traffic in these areas. Also, watch for people who just seem to be hanging around vehicles.
- DO sit near the driver or exit door if you ride on a bus.
- DO lock valuable items in your trunk out of sight.
- DON'T walk alone at night. Stay in well lit areas and away from doorways and buildings.
- DON'T dangle your purse. OR don't carry a purse at all; keep a wallet inside your coat.
- DON'T talk on your cell phone unnecessarily. Be aware of your surroundings, don't be distracted. Make eye contact, walk confidently.
- DON'T leave your purse in your shopping cart.
- ONLY take what you need when you leave the house.
- If you have car trouble, put on your "four ways" and wait for police with doors locked. A "CALL POLICE" sign is handy and can be put in your window.