



# Home Security CHECKLIST

For more crime prevention information, contact your local RCMP detachment

*What can I do to protect my home?*

The following checklist provides homeowners with ideas and suggestions to prevent and reduce crime

## OUTSIDE THE HOME

- Outside doors and walkways have a bright, working light or motion sensor lights to illuminate visitors.
- There are working video cameras installed.
- Gates work, close tightly, and have a secure latch/lock.
- Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is nowhere for someone to hide.
- Yard and window decals for home security company are displayed.
- Outdoor valuables such as lawn mowers, bikes, snow blowers and BBQs are locked up.
- Beware of Dog sign posted even if there is no dog.

## INSIDE THE HOME

- A security alarm system with glass break detectors/motion detectors is installed.
- There is an inventory of personal property along with serial numbers for valuables.
- All valuables are stored in a home safe or safety deposit box.
- Firearms are stored in a locked safe with trigger locks.
- Unwanted documents containing personal information are shredded to reduce identity theft.

## DOOR AND WINDOW TIPS

- All doors and windows have working locks.
- Screens on the windows are in good working condition and cannot be removed from the exterior.
- Sliding doors have a pin to secure the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the tracks.
- Doors and door frames have been reinforced. Door jammer or security bar added.
- Anti-smash security film has been added to windows.
- Door has a peep hole or doorbell camera.

## OTHER SECURITY TIPS

- Mail is placed on hold when traveling or someone picks it up.
- When traveling, someone mows the lawn or clears the snow away.
- The neighbors are known on all sides of the house. Be part of the neighborhood watch.

## EMERGENCY PLAN

- Establish and practice an emergency escape plan in case of a break in or other emergency.