

> How Can I Help My Community?

- Get to know your neighbours.
- Don't give information about neighbours to strangers.
- Offer to pick up mail and maintain the yard for your neighbours when they're away. They'll return the favour.
- **Be aware of suspicious activity.**
Write down what you see and report it to police.
Don't assume someone else has reported it.
- Get involved with local crime prevention associations such as Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch or Alberta Citizens on Patrol.

What Should I Look For?

> SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY AROUND HOUSES

- Dog barking more than usual
- Alarm sounding
- Ladder against house
- Broken windows
- Unusually high traffic at a house

> SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES

- Erratic driving
- Idling near parks for long periods of time
- Vehicles driving at night without lights on
- Abandoned vehicles

> SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE

- People looking in vehicles
- People acting erratically
- People trying to hide

ROUTINE CHECKLIST:

- Valuables removed from vehicle
- Garage door opener removed from vehicle
- All doors locked (*including between attached garage and house*)
- All windows locked
- All gates locked
- Exterior lights turned on (*at night*)
- Expensive outdoor items stored in locked garage or outbuilding (*tools, lawn mower, grills, ATVs, etc.*)

OTHER TIPS:

- Keep a list and photos of belongings in a secure location or with someone you trust.
- Keep vacation plans off social media.
- For parents, ensure your children know your address and how to call 911.
- For rural residents, ensure your family knows your rural address and legal land address.
- Never let a stranger in your house unless they are with a company and you are able to validate their identity.
- An alarm system is a very effective deterrent to criminals.
- Mark your property with your driver's licence number or consider using a property marking kit.



HOME SECURITY

Simple Steps for Protecting Your Home

> Call 911:

for emergencies and crimes in progress

> Report all other crime to:

your local RCMP non-emergency line



Security Tips

Turn on lights at night.

Keep windows locked.

Keep garage locked. Install blinds in windows.

Install motion sensor lights.

Keep vehicle locked (even in garage).

Remove valuables from vehicles, including keys!

Keep outbuildings locked.

Store ATVs in a secure location and remove keys.

Keep doors locked (don't hide key on property).

Install peephole.

Keep plants trimmed for max visibility (shrubs 2 ft, trees 6 ft).

Make your address visible at night for first responders. Know your rural address.

When putting out garbage, hide boxes of expensive items and shred personal documents.

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