

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CALGARY POLICE SERVICE

Break and enters, car prowling and stolen vehicles happen on a daily basis. Many of these types of crime can be prevented by implementing crime prevention strategies. You can take proactive measures to ensure the safety of your property and your family. Leaving doors and windows unlocked create an opportunity for thieves to enter your vehicles and homes. Some break and enters happen when the residents are at home asleep. Leaving your garage doors open and the attached door to your home unlocked is an invitation someone intent on stealing your property, even at 3 o'clock in the morning.

Please assist the Calgary Police Service in deterring crime in your community by taking away opportunities for thieves to exploit. Here are some valuable crime prevention strategies:

- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR GARAGE DOORS OPEN.** Thieves need only seconds to enter your garage and remove valuable items. Close and secure your overhead garage door when you are in your home, in the back yard or at a neighbour's.
- **KEEP THE ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL DOOR LOCKED.** If your home has an attached garage, ensure that you keep the door into your home locked at all times, even when you are home.
- **KEEP YOUR FRONT, REAR AND PATIO DOORS LOCKED, EVEN WHEN HOME OR IN THE YARD.** Thieves sometimes take advantage of opportunities we create. If you are in the back yard working, thieves will sometimes enter through an unlocked front door or attached garage door while you are home in the yard.
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE KEYS, WALLET, PURSE OR OTHER VALUABLES NEAR THE FRONT DOOR, BACK DOOR OR OTHER ENTRANCE.** Leaving your purse, wallet or keys on a hook or table near your unlocked front door creates an opportunity for thieves to simply reach in and take your valuables in mere seconds.
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE(S) UNLOCKED WHEN PARKED OUTSIDE.** A Common trend for thieves is to walk or ride through a neighbourhood or parking lot, checking door handles. An unlocked door is an invitation for thieves to rummage through your vehicle and take whatever they like.
- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR GARAGE DOOR OPENER IN YOUR VEHICLE.** If parking outside, remove your garage door opener when you go into your home, or if unable to do so, place it somewhere out of site in your trunk or some other place.
- **CLOSE ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS AT NIGHT.** Leaving a window open, even at night when you are asleep, can signal an opportunity to thieves.
- **REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY.** If a vehicle or person appears out of place, please go with your instincts and call the police. **Non-emergency (403)266-1234. Emergency 911.**

- **DEVELOP AND STICK TO A ROUTINE OF CHECKING YOUR VEHICLE(S), DOORS AND WINDOWS BEFORE YOU LEAVE FOR THE DAY, OR WHEN YOU GO TO BED AT NIGHT.**

**FOR ADDITIONAL CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES AND TIPS ON SECURING YOUR PROPERTY, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CALGARY POLICE SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ASK TO SPEAK TO YOUR COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER.**