

**Central Region**  
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- Community Policing Committees

*“Police & Community  
Working Together”*

*Pamphlet prepared by  
Central Region Community Services*



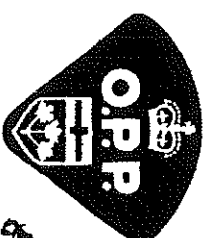
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**POLICE SERVICE**  
**1-888-310-1122**

**NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH**  
Police response is matched to the  
urgency of the situation.

**EMERGENCY 911**  
where available

**POLICE • FIRE • AMBULANCE**  
For life-threatening emergencies only.



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**OPP**

**Dispatch**

- 1/3 of break ins are a result of entry through an unlocked door or window
- most are committed during the day
- properties that look unoccupied are targeted
- criminals pick properties where they won't be seen



Engrave License # on Property so that the OPP can identify the owners of stolen items

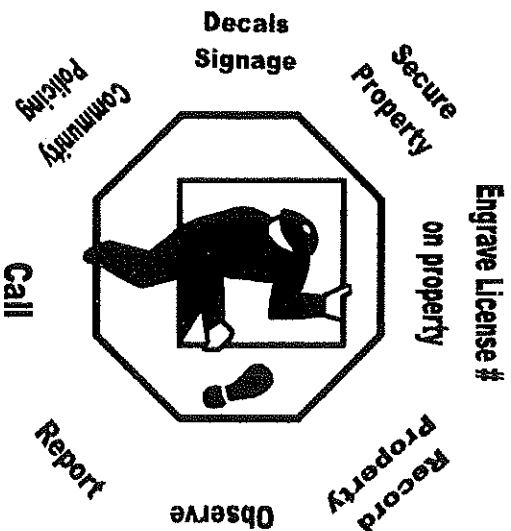
Record a description and/or make, model and serial number of property and retain this information in a safe place

Place Decals at points of entry indicating that property has been engraved to deter theft, or that the cottage has been alarmed.

Place **Signage** if your community has membership in OPP supported crime prevention programs to send the message that this community secures its property, **Observes and Reports suspicious activity to the OPP**

# Thank you!

for strengthening the **Community~Policing** partnership by helping the OPP prevent and solve crime. Together we form a **SHEILD** against crime in our communities



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**OPP Dispatch**

Please be **Observant & Report** suspicious incidents. Do not hesitate to call the OPP

- **Lock it or Lose it. Secure** equipment inside and outside the cottage.
- Have neighbours check your property while you're away.
- Engrave your property.
- Illuminate as much of your property as you can.
- Exterior doors should be solid not hollow and metal doors offer added protection.
- Door hinges that are on the outside should have a non-removable center pin that can't be tampered with.
- Pin sliding patio doors together when closed.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Identify your personal property by engraving it or marking it with an indelible marker.
- High target items like electronics and liquor should be taken home or well hidden.
- Consider installing an alarm system.
- Tell your neighbours when you are going to be away.
- Never enter your home if a burglar could still be inside.



Break and enters remain an all-too-common occurrence in Canada, with more than 200,000 reported to police in 2008 of which nearly 6 in 10 were residential. Another 32% were businesses and 9% were other locations such as schools, sheds and detached garages. Research indicates the decision to commit a crime is tied to the perceived risk of being caught and that a high frequency of re-victimization occurs during the 12 months following an initial break-in.

### Goal

In partnership with community volunteer members of its Auxiliary Policing program, SafeGuard Ontario is a community based crime prevention program developed in direct support of our detachment front line members to help citizens "lock criminals out of house and home."

### Objectives

Utilizing a problem oriented policing approach, SafeGuard Ontario Property Security Reviews are completed for homes and small businesses by OPP Auxiliary members specially trained through the program. SafeGuard Ontario training provides an orientation to the basic principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) with a primary focus on target hardening techniques to help reduce or prevent re-victimization of property crimes.

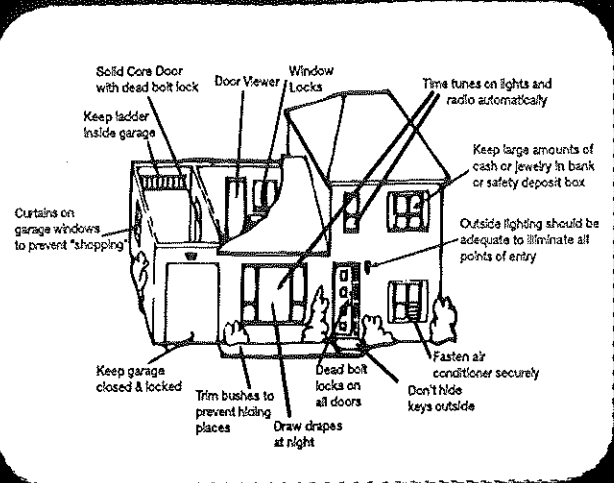
### OPP Auxiliary: Volunteers for a Better Community

The OPP Auxiliary Program is comprised of over 850 community members who volunteer their time in direct support of OPP front line members providing community based crime prevention initiatives to our communities. The OPP Auxiliary commemorated their 50th Year of community service with the OPP in 2010.

### Target Hardening Your Home

The key to SafeGuarding your home or small business against opportunistic criminals is known as the "target hardening process."

## Predictable is Preventable - SafeGuard your Property!



### Property Security Review:

In addition to reducing the frequency and fear of crime inside and around buildings, a SafeGuard Ontario Property Security Review provides a home or small business owner with basic suggestions on how they may target harden their property, and hopefully prevent re-victimization. A SafeGuard Ontario Property Security Review includes a review of many features including a building's windows, locks and pins; door hinges, frames and locks; exterior lighting; garage security and the address number displayed.

### Operation Identification

#### Program: Making your mark!



Operation Identification is a property marking program designed to help discourage the theft of valuables by facilitating the identification of stolen property. The idea is to encode your valuables with an identification number in a highly visible spot. OPP recommends using your Driver's License or vehicle licence plate number as your personal Operation Identification number to visibly mark all your valuables.

A special electric property engraver is available for an "free of charge" listing each SafeGuard Ontario Property Security Review.

### Information Package:

Upon completion of a SafeGuard Ontario Property Security Review, a copy of the review, as well as an information package is provided for additional tips on how to protect their property. To learn more, please refer to the Crime Prevention Section at [www.opp.ca](http://www.opp.ca)



Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Detachment: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_



# AUTO THEFT



## PROTECTION TIPS

A professional can steal your vehicle in just 30 seconds – without the key. **Protect your vehicle from theft with a few simple precautions:**

- ✓ Always roll up your vehicle's windows, lock the doors and pocket the key.
- ✗ Never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running.
- ✓ If you have a garage, use it and lock the door as well as your vehicle.
- ✗ Never leave your car keys in plain view or in an easily accessible area.
- ✓ Keep your vehicle registration certificate and proof of insurance on you at all times. Don't leave these documents in your glove compartment.
- ✓ Always park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- ✗ Never leave valuable objects or packages in full view. Put them in the trunk.
- ✓ Give only your ignition key to a parking lot attendant. Keep all other keys with you.

→ Inform your local police department, or call the IBC TIPS Line at **1-877-IBC-TIPS**, if you see vehicles or vehicle-related activities that look suspicious.





Crime Prevention Program

# LOCK IT

## OR LOSE IT

A professional can steal your vehicle in just 30 seconds. A vehicle with an unlocked door or an open window is an easy target. Protect your vehicle from theft. Always roll up your vehicle's windows, lock the doors and pocket the keys when you park your car. Park in a well-lit area and never leave valuables in plain view.

### CONDITION OF YOUR VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF OUR CRIME PREVENTION INSPECTION:

- vehicle unlocked
  - vehicle unlocked with keys in view
  - window(s) open
  - valuables in plain view
- VEHICLE LOCKED, KEYS REMOVED, WINDOWS CLOSED, VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT - *Congratulations!***

This notice has been provided by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and Insurance Bureau of Canada.

*We care about your safety.*

For more information, visit:

[www.ibc.ca/en/Insurance\\_Crime/Auto\\_Theft/](http://www.ibc.ca/en/Insurance_Crime/Auto_Theft/)

Presented by

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Police Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

