



## DISCOURAGE BURGLARS!

### Protect Your Home Adequately

- Always lock your doors and windows when you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- Have a peephole to check the identity of the person who knocks at your door.
- Beware of chain bolts; once the door is open, the lock can be easily broken with a good push.
- Choose a link fence or a railing to better see what is happening at your house.
- Have an alarm system that works with an auxiliary energy source in case the electricity goes out.
- Tell your landlord how important it is to know these safety measures.
- Make your home look lived in while you're out. Give your keys to neighbours you trust who will be able to turn lights or the radio on and off, or to open or close curtains and water plants.
- Have the flyers, newspapers and your mail picked up by someone you trust if you leave for an extended period. In fact, you can use the Canada Post hold mail service, especially if you are expecting cheques.

### Mark Your Valuables

- Mark all your valuables: audiovisual equipment, compact discs. Burglars favour those particularly. Marked, they are impossible to sell to second-hand dealers or pawnbrokers.

**With a graver, available at your neighbourhood station, or a indelible ink marker, you can write your personalised number made up of your postal code and civic number directly on the case as well as on the side of the disc that is not engraved.**

### Participate in Our Prevention Programs

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Work with your neighbours. By joining a neighbourhood watch program, you will learn to watch for any suspicious activity in your neighbourhood.

#### THE SAFETY INSPECTION

Have your home inspected no charge for safety weaknesses and get advice on how to improve safety in your house.



## DETECT AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

### You see somebody:

- driving around aimlessly in the area;
- loitering in a backyard or in an alley;
- on the lookout in front of a residence;
- going door to door and looking in through windows;
- ringing your doorbell and asking for someone you don't know.

### You notice:

- activity in a house;
- a door forced open or that has been open for a while without a reason;
- noise of glass breaking;
- unusual noise at one of your neighbours'
- goods that are being carried in and out of the same place regularly.

### You find out:

- you've been robbed.

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## ARE YOUR VALUABLES SAFE?




This practical guide is a reference tool that could make you feel safer.



Depending on where you live, risks of burglary increase if you make things easier for criminals and make it obvious that it is easy to break into your home. This practical guide will give you simple tips on how to conduct your own home security inspection.

Fill in this grid and you will improve your own safety.

No Yes  **DOORS**

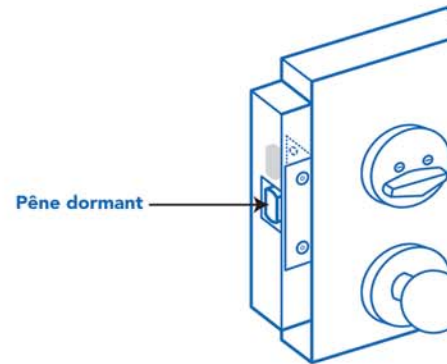
- Door frames are reinforced with steel at the height of the lock. There is space between the door and the door frame.
- Outside doors are solid wood and covered with steel. They cannot be drilled or broken down.
- Hinges that are visible from outside have a small screw preventing the pin from being taken out. 
- Sliding doors have a plate, a screw and a bar preventing them from being lifted or taken out.
- The door from the garage to the house is as secure and has the same safety devices as the outside doors.
- The garage door is locked. When leaving for an extended period of time, the slide rail is locked.

No Yes  **WINDOWS**

- The window frame is secure and not cracked.
- The window lock is in good working condition.
- Basement windows have grilles that can be easily opened from the inside.
- All windows that are easily accessible from outside have an open/close and lock/unlock system.

No Yes  **LOCKS**

- The lock is securely fixed to the door.
- Immediately after moving in, you change the locks.
- All outside doors have dead-bolts.



No Yes  **LIGHTING**

- Your home has a lighting system with timer that makes your house look lived in.
- The motion detector is in good working condition.
- All accesses to your home are well-lit.

No Yes  **THE ROOF**

- Openings, ventilation ducts, skylights are adequately protected.
- Access devices to the roof are inaccessible.

No Yes  **OUTSIDE PERIMETER**

- Doors and windows are hidden by obstacles (shrubs, bushes, fences).
- There is no garbage close to windows, doors or fences.
- Ladders, tools and other objects that a burglar could use to break into your house are inaccessible.
- The civic number of your home is visible from the front and back of your house.

No Yes  **ALARMS**

- Your residence is protected by an adequate alarm system.
- You regularly make sure that your alarm system works.
- Stickers on your doors and windows indicate that your home is protected by an alarm system.

**YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR OWN SAFETY INSPECTION OF YOUR HOME, BUT...**

- You have checked some of the boxes that were not shaded which means that your home has security weaknesses,
- You're still not convinced that your home is really protected,
- You have other questions regarding how to protect your home,
- You would like to know about means to better protect your home...

Police officers from the Montreal Police Service are available for an additional security inspection of your home. If you wish to have more information on prevention programs, on these safety tips or to make an appointment, you can contact your neighbourhood station.