



SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES



AWARENESS MESSAGE

Crime Prevention

The Spring Season is approaching and many Shapians go on holidays or choose to expand their garden to their house.

Your holiday could also be a good time for a burglar to 'go to work'. Burglary, on the whole, is an opportunist crime and a burglar will select his target because it offers him the best opportunity to carry out his crime undetected and with the fewest number of obstacles in his way. You can take some basic precautions to lower the risk of your house being targeted, including:

Closing the balcony , patio and/or garage door as the first step to prevent a burglary... ..

Implementing some basic precautions to lower the risk of your house being targeted include:

- ▶ If home is equipped with an alarm system ensure you activate it no matter how long you intend to be away.
- ▶ Install motion activated exterior lighting.
- ▶ Closing and locking points of access (windows, doors, adjoining garage doors, etc..) to include removing keys from window and door locks.
- ▶ Not leaving valuable or attractive items visible by securing them inside or not in plain view through a window. Use drapes or security shutters to limit the view inside your home
- ▶ Putting away common garden tools and home improvement aids, such as a ladder and hammer, bikes, barbeques, etc, so you don't provide the means for breaking in.
- ▶ Lock separated garages and sheds.
- ▶ Trim hedges and/or bushes so they don't obstruct the view of your home from the street.
- ▶ On your answering machine leave an ambiguous message saying that you are unable to answer the phone right now and never leave notes on your door saying you are out and a time of return.
- ▶ Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your house and keep the front door clear of any deliveries.

If travelling or away from your home for an extended period of time:

- ▶ Make your home look occupied by leaving some lights on or buying timer devices that randomly activate interior lights and an appliance such as the radio.
- ▶ Stop mail deliveries or have a trusted friend or neighbor clear out your mailbox and news deliveries.
- ▶ Contact the SHAPE Federal Police and register for their Home Watch Program.

All are reminded to report crime and suspicious activities to the Joint Police Desk at 065/44 3333 or 3334.

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