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Tips for keeping your home, family and the community safe

Members, here are some tips from the Public Safety office on how to improve safety to protect your home, family and the community.

Being in the know with the latest safety news and being vigilant by looking out for each other helps make it a safer place to live.

1. **Keep it lit.** Inside your home, keep lights on even when you're away. Outside your home, have motion-activated lights or keep lights on throughout the night. (Solar lights might be most cost-effective).
2. **Lock all doors and windows.** For optimal safety, make sure to lock all doors and windows when you are home and when you are away from home.
3. **Utilize blinds and curtains.** By keeping the blinds closed and curtains drawn (at night or when you are away from home), you prevent creepy stalkers/thieves from targeting your home.
4. **Use radio or TV.** Help create the impression your home is occupied by playing a radio station or the TV. The sounds of voices can be a deterrent.
5. **Lock away pricey possessions.** Try to keep things on the down-low. Keep your potential break-and-entry items out of reach (e.g. tools, tires, gas can, etc.). Never leave anything in plain sight inside your car.
6. **Put it away.** Avoid leaving out or placing items near your home where it might be used as a step (table, chair, ladder, etc.).
7. **Look out for each other.** A neighborhood watch can go a long way to increase awareness of any suspicious activity.

For more information on community safety: <https://www.vernon.ca/homes-building/community-safety/community-safety-office>