

# GENERAL CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

## **1. GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS**

(Your neighbors can be your eyes and ears while you are away, and can contact Police if they see suspicious activity while you are away.)

## **2. PHOTOGRAPH & RECORD VALUABLES (including lawn equipment)**

(Document model and serial numbers on all property - this helps to identify items that may be located by Police.)

## **3. HIRE REPUTABLE LAWN SERVICE PROVIDERS (no transients)**

(Hire persons that can be identified and located.)

## **4. KEEP GARAGE DOORS CLOSED (even if you are out in your back yard)**

(Remove temptation from prospective thieves.)

## **5. SECURE HOUSE AND STORAGE BUILDINGS**

(Protect your valuables with quality locks and doors.)

## **6. DO NOT LEAVE KEYS HIDDEN OUTSIDE YOUR HOME**

(Leave spare keys with someone you trust, not under the doormat or hidden in a flower pot.)

## **7. DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLE**

(Laptops, purses, cameras and golf clubs that are visible invite trouble.)

## **8. ALWAYS LOCK HOUSE DOORS, EVEN WHEN IN YOUR YARD**

(Thieves are aware of your location and may seek an opportunity to enter your home.)

## **9. REPORT SUSPICIOUS PERSONS INCLUDING THOSE KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR**

(Burglars have been known to knock on doors to see if anyone is at home.)

## **10. KEEP SHRUBBERY TRIMMED**

(Unkempt hedges provide concealment for Burglars and Peeping Toms.)

## **11. KEEP YOUR HOUSE WELL LIT - ESPECIALLY AT ENTRANCES**

(This can deter a criminal if they feel they may be seen.)

## **12. HAVE SOMEONE COLLECT MAIL & NEWSPAPERS WHEN YOU WILL BE AWAY FROM HOME**

(This common practice is effective to indicate that you are home.)

## **13. USE AUTOMATIC TIMERS ON LIGHTS, RADIOS & TELEVISIONS**

(Do not advertise that you are not at home.)

## **14. DO NOT LEAVE SPARE KEYS HIDDEN ON OR IN YOUR VEHICLE**

(Spare keys hidden on or in your vehicle may turn an Auto Break-in into an Auto Theft.)

## **15. NEVER LEAVE AN IDLING VEHICLE UNATTENDED**

(It only takes a second for someone to steal your car.)

## **16. USE BLINDS AND CURTAINS TO PREVENT SOMEONE FROM LOOKING INTO YOUR HOME**

(Discourage thieves from seeing what you own and Peeping Toms from seeing you.)