

Breaking and Entering (B&E) is the most common crime across Canada.

In addition to the loss of property, victims of a break and enter can suffer a significant psychological impact. Victims may feel violated, unsafe and insecure in their own homes.

Nelson Police Department Victim Services offers emotional support, information and general assistance to those affected by crime. They ensure individuals receive the help they need during this difficult time.

Nelson Police Department is dedicated to fostering a strong sense of community & promoting safety and security for all those who call Nelson home.

For further information please contact Nelson Police Victim Services at 250-505-5657 or email: [victimservices@nelsonpolice.ca](mailto:victimservices@nelsonpolice.ca)

# CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR HOME, BUSINESS & VEHICLE



#### TIPS FOR VEHICLE:



- Don't leave anything of value inside such as charging cords, ID, bank cards, work tools, camera or sunglasses. If they can see it they can steal it.
- Take removable accessories away from view when you're not in the vehicle.
- Install alarm, or flashing light in the vehicle to act as a deterrent to potential thieves. Having these visual & auditory queues can discourage criminals from attempting to break into your vehicle.
- Make sure doors and windows are secured and locked.
- Secure car keys. Do not leave a spare in the vehicle.
- Park in a secure, well-lit area.
- Keep garage door opener out of sight.
- Don't leave car running with keys in vehicle if you're not in it.
- Install anti-theft device like a steering wheel lock/GPS tracker/Immobilizers.

#### TIPS FOR BUSINESS:



- Secure the premises.
- Hide valuable items in a safe/lock box.
- Move high valued goods away from display windows.
- Install theft prevention system/camera/alarm.
- Security sticker on windows to show you have surveillance.
- Make sure building/surrounding exterior area are well-lit, or install sensor lights to detect movement.
- Keep track of inventory and keep record of serial numbered items.
- Exterior should be kept clean & tidy, and free of garbage.
- Remove any over grown bushes or trees, as they can provide cover for anyone trying to hide from view.
- Leave register open and visible; remove money daily to give impression that it is empty.

#### TIPS FOR HOME:



- Lock doors and secure windows.
- Don't leave anything valuable lying around, use a safe or lock box to secure.
- Put items of meaning away (jewellery, family heirlooms, money, passports, identification).
- Don't leave house keys hidden outside.
- Frequently change pad lock password for doors/garage entry.
- Keep areas around your house well lit or use sensor motion lights.
- Keep things clean/orderly/tidy around the property.
- Do not post vacation plans on social media.
- Have a trusted friend or neighbour check on your house often- collect the newspaper and packages, mow the lawn, shovel the driveway, park their vehicle in the driveway to make it appear as though someone is home, and living there.
- Consider installing a monitored security system.