



Halton Regional Police Service

Vehicle Break & Enter

Crime Prevention Tips



Lock It or Lose It

Car thieves are becoming increasingly organized and, in a few seconds, can have your vehicle taken far away. Remember that criminals will choose an easy target.

There are some simple steps that you can take reduce the chance of vehicle theft, when at home and in the public. If your car or accessories are stolen, the police will need specific information to identify the car, parts and accessories. You should record the following:

- Year and Make, Model, Colour(s)
- Licence Number
- Vehicle Identification Number
- Serial numbers of all special equipment

Parking in Public

- Park in well-lit areas whenever possible.
- Always lock vehicle doors and windows.
- Never leave personal identification in your vehicle.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle or lock them in your trunk. Do not leave packages or purses in plain view or on the seat.
- Remove GPS navigation and cell phone devices from view when you are not in your vehicle.
- Mount CD and MP3 players inconspicuously.
- Engrave removable accessories such as stereos for easy identification.

Parking at Home

- If you have a garage, use it.
- Never leave your vehicle running when it is unattended.
- Always roll up the windows and lock the car, even if it is in front of your home.
- Remove garage door openers from your vehicle when not in use.
- Never leave original vehicle ownership or driver's licences in your car.
- Never hide spare keys in your vehicle. Thieves know where to look.
- Never place identification tags or address labels on your key ring. Thieves may use them to locate your home or car.



Halton Regional Police Service Residential Break & Enter Crime Prevention Tips



The Halton Regional Police Service is seeking assistance from members of the public in order to reduce the number of property crimes occurring in our communities. Anyone with information related to these or any other crimes in Halton Region is asked to contact the police at 905-825-4777 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

There are some simple steps that you can take prevent crime and to help reduce your chance of becoming a victim. Additional personal and home safety tips are available online at www.haltonpolice.ca under *Community Policing or Diversity*.

Home Security Tips

- Ensure that your home looks occupied at all times.
- Leave lights on motion for the front, rear and side of home at night.
- Activate digital timers to turn lights on/off and leave radio on.
- Activate your alarm system when not home.
- Lock all doors and windows, whether you are home or not.
- Place a security bar on patio door.
- Consider professionally installed window security film for easy access glass doors and windows.
- Ensure that your front door is fibre glass, solid wood or metal. Install a deadbolt grade one or two with at least a one inch throw, along with a strike plate, for all exterior doors.
- Reinforce your doors by ensuring all your hinges have three inch screws.
- If a stranger approaches your home, talk to them THROUGH the door! If it is a potential burglar, this will deter them from breaking in. If you ignore the knock and try to pretend no one is home, this is when they may try to break in.
- Choose the right fence, such as wrought iron with a sharp top.
- Remove items from property that could be used as weapons or to gain access to your home.
- Cut back on shubbery so it cannot be used as concealment.
- Get to know your neighbours.