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Loss Control Tips – Preventing Theft

Things to Know

Home break-ins and identity theft go hand-in-hand. Not only are your jewelry and electronic equipment high ticket items for thieves, but your identity is as well. We hope you will consider the following tips to help deter thieves from targeting you as their next victim. MAX Canada is dedicated to helping our members create and sustain wholeness within our communities, and helping our members in their time of need. Our claims department is standing by, prepared to help and assist with any type of loss. In addition, our Mutual Aid Ministries team is available for emotional and spiritual support during times of loss. Don't hesitate to contact us at (877) 770-7729 or info@maxcanada.org.



Preventing Home Break Ins

- Make sure all **locks are in proper working order** and the numbers of keys are accounted for.
- **Check that all windows** have a working locking mechanism.
- If possible, have areas of **entry to your home well lit**.
- **Document all contents** in your home by using a digital camera or recorder so you are able to recall all important items that may be missing. Take serial numbers of electronic items as well.
- All **valuables** should be written in an **itemized list** kept off location. Consider a safety deposit box.
- A home **alarm or monitoring unit** can be installed to help protect you and alert authorities if needed.
- If leaving on a trip, **advise close neighbours** to check in on your home if possible, and have **timers turn on your lights**. Ensure that all windows are locked.
- Don't hide spare keys in or around the outside of your home.

Quick Tip: Be Aware of Your Surroundings

Crowded malls and shopping centres create a perfect opportunity for thieves. Women should consider wearing a purse that straps across their chest rather than over their shoulder. In addition, men should have their wallet in their front pocket to make it harder for thieves to pick-pocket and steal your identity.

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Identity theft is one of the fastest growing issues in the country, according to The Canadian Identity Theft Support Centre. The crime can take many forms. Identity thieves may rent an apartment, obtain a credit card, or establish a telephone account in a person's name.

If you're leaving on vacation, you should follow these steps to help prevent identity theft:

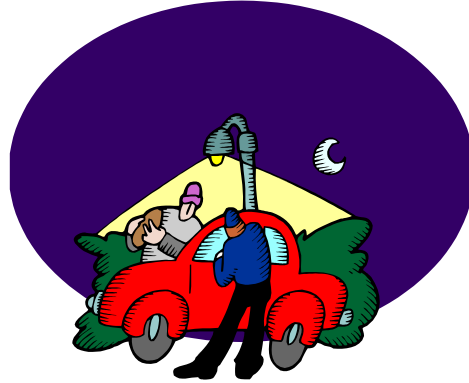
- Turn off your computer and disconnect it from the Internet. If you save personal information in your computer, make sure it is difficult to access.
- Have mail and packages picked up, forwarded or held by the post office. Also, stop newspaper deliveries and ask a neighbour to pick-up circulars for you.
- Leave blinds or curtains open in their usual position. This will make it appear that you are at home.

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How to Keep Your Vehicle Safe



By combining common sense approaches, theft prevention devices and tracking systems, you can protect your vehicles from theft.

- **Use Common Sense Measures.**
 - Never leave keys in the vehicle.
 - Don't hide a spare key in the vehicle.
 - Close all windows and lock all doors when leaving your vehicle.
 - Park in a well-lit area and, when at home, keep your vehicle in the garage.
 - Don't leave valuables visible in your car, particularly those items that include information on your identity — thieves can drive off not only with your car, but your identity as well.
- **Use Theft Prevention Products.** A thief may be less inclined to steal your car if it has visible and audible warning devices like a wheel lock or alarm system. Immobilizers, which include smart keys, kill switches and fuel cut-off devices, can offer another means of protection. While the professionals can often disable these devices, they do offer another means of deterrence.
- **Use a Tracking and Recovery System.** Since thieves can typically disarm most theft prevention devices, recovery systems provide the peace of mind that you'll get your car back — often quickly — in the event it is stolen. The most effective systems are directly integrated into law enforcement, use Radio Frequency technology, which has proven to be optimal for recovering stolen vehicles, and are covert so they cannot be disengaged.