



VERNON CRIME PREVENTION

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VACATION PLANNING AND PERSONAL SAFETY



PLAN AHEAD

Vacations are meant to be relaxing, but a little planning ahead can make all the difference in keeping people, homes, and belongings safe. Taking time to prepare – both before departure and while travelling – helps reduce the risk of theft, fraud, and other preventable incidents. By making personal safety part of vacation planning, individuals and families can enjoy their time away with greater peace of mind.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE



Confirm Insurance Coverage

Ensure travel, vehicle, and valuable insurance policies are up to date.



Secure Your Home

Lock up ladders, tools, and outdoor furniture.



Pause Deliveries

Suspend mail, newspaper and online deliveries.



Photograph Valuables

Document valuables and record serial numbers.



Avoid High-Value Items

Leave expensive jewelry and valuables behind.



Limit Travel Clues

Minimize social media announcements and signs you're away.

Eliminate climbing opportunities around your home

WHILE YOU'RE AWAY



Make It Look Occupied

Use timers to turn lights and a radio on and off.



Activate Security Systems

Arm alarms and surveillance cameras.



Protect Devices

Keep digital devices secure while traveling.



Avoid Informing Strangers

Don't share travel plans with unfamiliar contacts.



Enlist Help

Ask a friend or neighbour to watch your home, water plants, etc.



Be Cautious With Cash

Use credit cards or a secure travel wallet instead of large amounts of cash.

*****Have your trusted friend or neighbour keep your home looking lived in – mow the lawn and remove flyers*****

WHEN YOU RETURN



Check for Issues

Inspect your property for any signs of damage, leaks, or other problems



Verify Security

Check alarm status and surveillance camera footage.



Handle Mail

Retrieve collected mail.



Review Statements

Examine credit card and bank statements for suspicious activity.

Report Suspicious Activity: If you notice any suspicious behavior, report to the police immediately (Vernon RCMP non-emergency: 250-545-7171).