



VERNON CRIME PREVENTION

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SAFE NEIGHBOURHOODS

Safety isn't just about security cameras; it's about community connection.

Building a safer community starts right outside your front door. 'Eyes on the Street' is all about reclaiming our public spaces through positive daily interactions – whether you are gardening, walking the dog, or chatting on the porch. Your active presence is our best asset.



Observe Unfamiliar Vehicles: Keep an eye out for vehicles parked in unusual spots or driving slowly with no clear destination. Note the make, model, and colour, and if comfortable, the licence plate. Unfamiliar cars, frequently seen, can indicate a pattern of casing the neighbourhood.

Utilize Digital Tools (Wisely): Join a neighbourhood text alert system or use community-specific social media groups to share non-emergency concerns. Remember to always use 911 for emergencies; digital tools are for community connection and awareness, not primary reporting.

Keep Key Safety in Mind: Do not hide spare keys under doormats, in false rocks, or other predictable locations. Criminals know these spots. Instead, give a spare key to a trusted neighbour with whom you have befriended.

Display Security Signage: Prominently display decals from home security systems and Block Watch programs. This simple step serves as a psychological deterrent, making it clear that your neighbourhood is actively observed and connected.



Report Suspicious Activity: If you notice any suspicious behaviour around you or your neighbour's property, report to the police immediately (Vernon RCMP non-emergency: 250-545-7171).