



## NEW WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### Crime Alert

To the Residents of Queens Park and Victoria Hill Neighbourhoods,

There has been an increase in break and enters in your neighbourhood. The increase in crime has been primarily early evenings and the target entry points have been insecure windows and doors due to warmer weather conditions. Criminals will often target residences, including apartments and condominiums, on those warm summer nights because they are only too aware that many unsuspecting citizens will leave doors or windows ajar. The purpose of this alert is to create awareness and to provide you with some tips to make your home less attractive to criminals.

Some strategies to facilitate target hardening and home security:

- **Report all suspicious activity to New Westminster Police.**
- **Always lock windows and doors when not home or not in the immediate area.**
- **Protect your windows, doors and patio doors by installing secondary locking devices to facilitate air flow while maintaining security.**
- **Make your home appear occupied when you are away by using lights, timers and radios, and ensure your valuables are not in view.**
- **Consider a home alarm.**
- **Mark all your property, and keep an inventory of all your valuables.**
- **Communicate with your neighbours about the activity in your area.**
- **Visit the police department for more information about home security.**

In addition to these tips, start a Block Watch or Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. These crime prevention programs are free and work in partnership with the New Westminster Police, and will assist in making your home less attractive to thieves. For benefits of these programs, please visit our website at [www.nwpolice.org](http://www.nwpolice.org).

If you have questions, please contact our office at 604-529-2446.

Thank you,

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