

CRIME ALERT

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TO THE RESIDENTS OF QUEENS PARK AND VICTORIA HILL NEIGHBOURHOODS,

There has been an increase in break and enters and auto crime activity in your neighbourhood. We have received information that criminals may be targeting multi-unit buildings that have never modified their building's original factory setting passwords for security systems, such as enter phones or fob systems. Criminals use the Internet to look up security systems and easily obtain factory setting passwords and step-by-step information in order to manipulate a security system. Thieves hope the factory passwords have not been changed, allowing them easy access to buildings and parkades. Once thieves can come and go undetected they break into suites, vehicles, storage lockers, etc.

New Westminster Police are asking multi-unit buildings that use security systems to ensure that factory passwords are changed. We remind all residents to remember the importance of home security.

- **Report all suspicious activity to New Westminster Police.**
- **Always lock windows and doors when not home or not in the immediate area.**
- **Consider a home alarm.**
- **Remove all items from your vehicle.**
- **Communicate with your neighbours about the activity in your area.**

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 homes less attractive to thieves. For information about these programs, please visit our website at www.nwpolice.org.

Crime Prevention Team