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## Shore up your home and personal security

Talk to a few cops, and they'll tell you their job includes the roles of community guardian as well as police officer. And because they know their beat, they can tell you exactly what kind of crime prevention strategies are most effective in any given neighbourhood. Here are a few of the tips they commonly give for different residential situations.

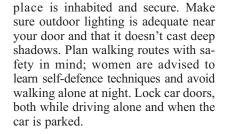
#### URBAN APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND HIGH-**POPULATION AREAS**

Practice deterrence in city situations. Fit doors with sturdy locks as well as peepholes or



and make sure your porch light shines into corners and shadows.

Replace old locks



### SUBURBAN AND RURAL SETTINGS

In the suburbs, there tend to be more frequent police car patrols and natural surveillance by neighbours. However, police recommend vigilance just the same. Make sure your home is equipped with viable locks and, budget permitting, an alarm system. Plant shrubbery away from ground-floor windows, where they could otherwise hide forced entry attempts. Ask a neighbour to bring in the mail and park a car in your driveway if you'll be absent for a prolonged amount of time.

It pays to get to know your neighbours, whether you live in the city or suburbs. Crime rates go down in communities that keep watch.

## Four things you can do to prevent Internet crime

When it comes to cybercrime, borders mean nothing to criminals and every Internet user is a potential target for money scams, anonymous threats and identity theft. Prevention is key, and with that in mind here are a few things you can do to keep you and your loved ones safe from online crime.

### **1. SECURE YOUR COMPUTER AND PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY.**

Set up your computer's firewall to block untrustworthy connections. Choose strong passwords, and don't give out personal or financial information online. Log out of secure websites. Install an up-to-date anti-virus system and anti-spyware software; make sure they're updated frequently.

## 2. EDUCATE YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THE INTERNET.

Remind children not to give out any personal information — not even their full names - when they use social media. Teach them to ask for your permission before arranging to meet up with someone they got to know online. When they're old enough, be sure they understand the dangers of posting sexually suggestive or nude pictures.



3. BE CAUTIOUS WHEN USING SOCIAL MEDIA. An off-colour remark or a sexy photo can be stored indefinitely on Web servers without your realizing it. Censor yourself, because anything you do online now may come back to haunt you years down the road.

> 4. CALL THE POLICE IF YOU SUSPECT AN INCIDENT OF CYBER-CRIME. If you experience identity theft or any other kind of Internet fraud, contact your local police department. And if you encounter any content that features child exploitation, alert the police or report it at the Canadian Centre for Child Protection's reporting hotline, Cybertip.ca.



# "10-8": in service and ready for duty

Every day, they kiss their families goodbye, fasten their duty belts and head out to prevent crime before it happens without knowing if they'll be able to do it all over again tomorrow.

It takes a special kind of courage to be a peace officer. According to the organization Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), between 140 and 160 law enforcement officers lose their lives

protecting the public each year.

This week we honor the service and sacrifice of U.S. law enforcement officers, who risk their lives to move communities toward a more just and safe future.

Good policing helps shape our communities by providing a safe place to raise our families and enjoy our neighborhoods to the fullest. In addition to paying tribute to the fallen, NPW aims to strengthen police-community ties by hosting conferences on a number of public interest topics involving civic engagement, public safety and the mental health of officers.

Detectives, "beat" cops, federal agents, park rangers these crime fighters (among other divisions) endure long shifts in dangerous and unpredictable circumstances to restore and maintain order, as well as provide lifesaving emergency services. They're the first people we turn to in times of danger and desperation.

This week, show your appreciation by supporting a local initiative that fosters a trusting relationship with the officers patrolling your community. Remember, increased cooperation saves lives.

## Pumpkins • Straw • Corn stalks • Mums • Gourds • Fall Decor

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Petting Zoo • Corn Pit • Pumpkin Bowling • Cut Flowers • Pony Rides • Playgrounds • Cornhole Horseshoes • Kids Calf Roping • Food and Drink • Food Trucks (Watch on FB) • Tons of Photo Opportunities

