



ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE
SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY DETACHMENT



HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE BY:

- ✓ Being aware of suspicious people or vehicles
- ✓ Report suspicious people or vehicles to OPP at

1-888-310-1122

- ✓ Anonymously provide information regarding property crimes to Crime Stoppers at

1-888-222-8477 (TIPS)

www.crimestoppersdm.com



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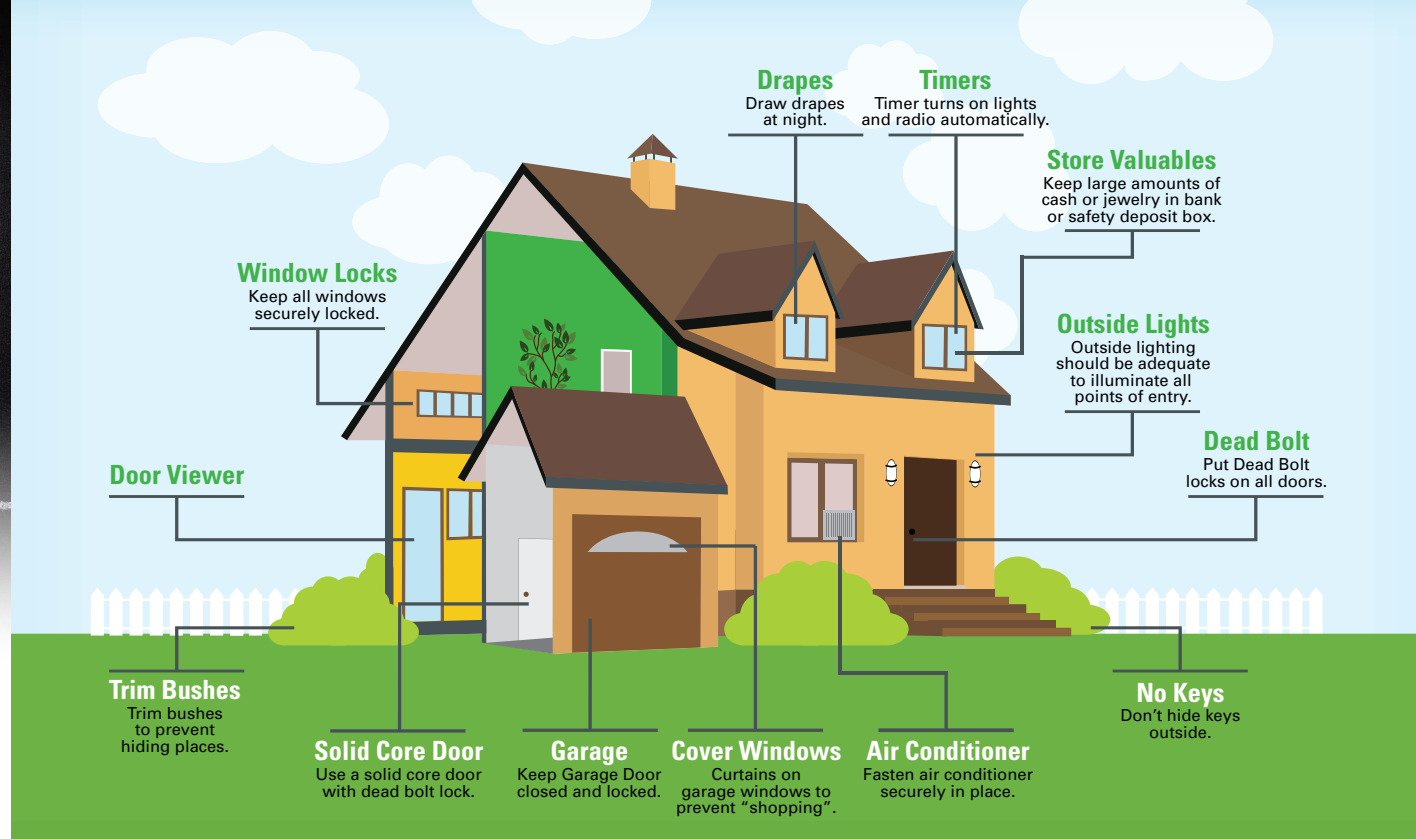
**CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE
O.P.P. 24 HR TOLL FREE**

1-888-310-1122

**TTY PHONE
FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED**

1-888-310-1133





Break-ins have a negative impact on everyone involved. The Southern Georgian Bay Ontario Provincial Police detachment would like to help you protect your property, your home and yourself against crime.

This brochure provides information to help keep your home and property secure.

Cottages and seasonal homes are most vulnerable to property crime during fall, winter and spring when they are not being used by property owners.

SAFEGUARDING YOUR HOME

TIPS FOR CLOSING UP PROPERTIES

- ✓ Secure windows and doors with shutters.
- ✓ Trim trees and shrubs so doors and windows are visible from the roadway.
- ✓ Remove valuables from property — ie tools, electronics, personal items.
- ✓ Arrange for a permanent resident or keyholder to check your property; leave your contact information with that person.
- ✓ Consider using motion sensor lights to illuminate the exterior of your residence/cottage.
- ✓ Consider an alarm system.
- ✓ Avoid posting information on social media advising of when you will be away or any vacation plans.
- ✓ Know your neighbours.
- ✓ Eliminate objects from around your property that would be used to break in.
- ✓ Don't leave firearms or weapons at the residence/cottage.
- ✓ If you are leaving vehicles, make sure they are winterized, secure and disabled. For snow machines, remove track and hide keys. Ensure boats are covered and locked and outboard motors locked and slightly disassembled. Disable ATVs. Leave nothing on trailers unless it is locked or disabled.
- ✓ Take photos and record serial numbers of anything of value left behind.