



## SEASONAL HOME SECURITY TIPS

- **Don't leave empty cartons in your carport, yard or driveway.**
  - You are advertising the fact you have a brand new flat screen TV, laptop, iPad or other very desirable object to steal.
- **Keep your doors locked even though you may just be outside shoveling your driveway or in your back yard.**
  - It doesn't take long for a thief to slip into and out of your home.
- **Do not keep ladders or tools on the outside of your home.**
  - If it can be used to gain entry into your home keep it locked up and out of sight.
- **Do not keep your Christmas parcels or any valuables in your vehicle.**
  - Thieves go shopping too; however, they don't need to steal from a store when you've displayed desirable items in your vehicle.
- **Always keep your vehicle locked even if it's parked in your carport or driveway.**
  - Don't be fooled into thinking your vehicle is safe. Theft from vehicles is very common in Prince George.
- **While on vacation arrange for someone to shovel and park in your driveway.**
  - It's ideal to have someone you trust, house-sit for you so your home is still lived in while you are away. If this is not possible make sure your home looks lived in.
- **Use timers on indoor lights and tamper-proof, motion sensor lights around the perimeter of your home.**
  - Lighting is the most effective crime prevention tool since criminals do not want to be seen.
- **Keep your vacation plans off social networks like Face Book.**
  - It is easy to gain access to personal information once it's entered onto Face Book or another social network.
- **Make sure your house number is visible during the day and night.**
  - In an emergency you don't want time wasted trying to find your house number.
- **Install a door viewer so you know who is at your door before you open it.**
  - Know who is there before you open your door and home to a stranger.