

## Be aware of break-ins

Caledon OPP would like to remind residents to be proactive regarding a recent increase in daytime break and enters.

### General tips

- ? Mark your property with unique identifiers like a driver's licence number, serial numbers, or other identifying marks or details which include make and model, or photographs of valuables in case property can be returned to assist with investigations.
- ? Report suspicious people or vehicles.
- ? Lock windows and doors, close window blinds when leaving the property unattended.
- ? Repair or secure access points like locks, garages, doors, windows and fences or gates.
- ? Increase occupancy indicators, like having automatic lights, emptying the mailbox, have neighbours or family check on property, leave a radio or TV on.
- ? Install alarm system or security cameras.

When leaving the home unattended, especially for extended periods:

- ? Let trusted neighbours know how long you will be away.
- ? Ask a neighbour to take in mail, shovel the sidewalk or mow the lawn.
- ? Give a trusted neighbour a key or lock code and have them check on the home regularly.
- ? Leave a contact number.
- ? Have a neighbour use your driveway to park their vehicle so it appears someone is at home.