



WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE
A CULTURE OF SAFETY FOR ALL

Trust your instincts!



PERSONAL SAFETY IN THE HOME

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To book a presentation, request officers attend an event, or for more information:

204-986-6322

Winnipeg.ca/TakeAction

Make the Right Call

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 204-986-6222

Report a Crime Online: Winnipeg.ca/police

Many people operate under the assumption that concerns for personal safety apply only to someone who is away from the comfort of his or her home. A person should not take anything for granted when it comes to their safety.



IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE AWARE OF YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY IN ALL SITUATIONS, INCLUDING THE HOME

- **Keep doors and windows secure at all times.**
- **Only open the door when it is safe to do so.**

SERVICE AND DELIVERY PEOPLE

- Place a peephole in the door.
- Verify person's reason for attendance.
- Ask for proper identification.
- Consider contacting the organization/company to confirm/verify delivery time.
- Consider contacting the organization/company to schedule an appointment.
- Be sure to utilize reputable and reliable companies.

STRANGERS AT THE DOOR

- It is common practice for a burglar to knock first to see if anyone is home.
- Verify the persons reason for attendance.
- If you are uncomfortable with their attendance, stay calm and tell them to leave.
- If they refuse to leave advise them that you are calling police.

APARTMENT/CONDO SAFETY

Remember the front door of your apartment/condo block is the front door of your residence.

- Never allow anyone that you do not know into the building.
- Lock/secure doors, windows and lockers.
- Do not identify yourself on the call board.
- Do not enter an elevator if you are suspicious of the occupants.
- Report suspicious people loitering.

TELEPHONE SAFETY

Be cautious when speaking to someone on the phone, as you cannot confirm their true identity. They could be a fraudster.

- If a caller refuses to identify him or herself to you – hang up.
- Do not give out any personal information to anyone. This includes credit card or banking info.
- Do not divulge that you are home alone.
- If you are receiving annoying or harassing telephone calls, hang up and activate the call trace feature (*57). Document the date, time and nature of the calls and assemble a record of calls before contacting the police.
- Notify the police immediately if the calls are threatening in nature.

SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER

- Keep sightlines clear – trim trees and shrubs to prevent a place to hide.
- Lighting can be an effective deterrent for criminals:
 - use motion lights on the exterior
 - use timers inside your home to give appearance someone is home
- Change locks upon moving into a new residence.
- Keep doors locked even when you are home or in your yard.
- Include children in your safety plan.
- Get to know your neighbours.
- Be aware of suspicious activity and look out for each other.