

## Keep your vehicle safe by:

- Not leaving valuables inside, including GPSes, laptops, cell phones, wallets, purses, loose change, etc.
- Not leaving windows or the sunroof open
- Keeping the doors locked
- Not leaving the keys in the vehicle
- Not leaving the garage door opener in the vehicle or in plain sight
- Not leaving out items with personal information on them
- Moving valuable items into the trunk while in public view
- Being aware of your surroundings when entering or exiting your vehicle
- Parking in well-lit areas
- Use a steering wheel lock or club to prevent theft



Consider joining a crime watch group which can provide information on current criminal activity in your area.

### MORE INFORMATION



**Leduc Rural Crime Watch Association**

**Facebook:** Leduc Rural Crime Watch

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**NIGHTHAWKS**

**Leduc Nighthawks  
(Blackgold Citizens on Patrol)**

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**In case of emergency:**

Call 9-1-1

or

Leduc RCMP at 780-980-RCMP (7267)

# PREVENT BREAK AND ENTERS

## Keep your property safe



*Our partners endeavour to be leaders in crime prevention by assisting residents and business with the adoption of best practices to reduce crime.*

# Crime prevention starts with you!

**Put yourself in the criminal's shoes – when scoping out a property to potentially rob, consider the following:**

- Where would you break in?
- What would make the crime more difficult to commit?
- Are the doors solid?
- Are the windows break-resistant?
- Would you be visible to the public or a surveillance camera?
- What are the risks of being caught?
- Is there a security system?
- How would you escape?

## Reduce your chances of becoming a target for crime by:

- Keeping doors locked, even when you are home
- Ensuring garage doors and windows are closed and locked. Don't forget the one between an attached garage and the house
- Installing good exterior motion lights around doors and windows so neighbours and passerby can easily see them
- Always closing and locking any windows that could be used to gain entry to your home, especially when you are away
- Installing a home and/or auto alarm system
- Taking measures to make your home look lived in when you're away. Put lights, TVs, and stereos on a variable timer so they do not turn on at the same time every day
- Using a gate alarm and keeping the gate closed if you have one at the entrance of your property
- Asking someone to drive in and out of your driveway while you're away during the winter, so there are tracks in the snow giving the appearance that you're home
- Arranging to have your lawn cut and newspapers picked up
- Asking a neighbour to move a vehicle periodically if it's parked outside
- Leaving up-to-date emergency contact information with a neighbour or friend
- Setting your security alarm (if you have one) and ensuring the person watching your home has the alarm code, password and security company's information

**NOTE:** Be a good neighbour and pay it forward if you see an open door, keys left in a lock, or a vehicle left unlocked. Call your neighbour and let them know.

Social media sites have become an information highway for criminals. **DO NOT** post on Facebook, Twitter or any other site that you are going on vacation or will be away from home. Also, wait until you are back from holidays before sharing your pictures. This is an open invitation to people looking for an empty residence.

