

# Crime Prevention Strategies for Business Owners

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Wood Buffalo RCMP would like to provide some tips to business owners to help reduce crime and keep their properties safe and secure. Important things to remember are:

- All entrances should be well lit or lit by motion detector lights.
- Use good quality deadbolts (with 1 inch throw - the throw is the part that extends into the door frame when locked) on all exterior doors.
- Install an anti-pry metal plate on all exterior doors. Anti-pry plates are bolted to the door and cover the gap between the door & door frame
- Security film, quick-release window bars or roll down shutters should be installed on glass doors or windows near the door locks to reinforce the glass
- Alarms should be used in addition to other security measures, not as the only security measure.
- If you have an alarm system, use it!
- Check motion sensors to ensure the sensors are covering the widest area possible including all entry/exits and windows.
- Check motion sensors on a regular basis to ensure they are in good working order.
- If possible, install a flashing strobe light outside the business which is triggered by the alarm to indicate a break and enter in progress.
- If you have CCTV, check that it is in good working order and the correct date and time are recorded.
- Keep a record of all keys issued.
- Have all office keys engraved with "Do not Copy".

## For the Outside of the building:

- Trim landscaping away from doors and windows to provide clear sight lines into your business.
- Secure ladders and any tools that could be used in a break and enter using good quality padlocks and chains.
- Display your address clearly on both the front and rear of your building.
- Make sure your building landscape, sidewalks and parking areas are clean and well-maintained.

By providing business owners with these helpful tips, we hope that prevention will be the key to a safer community for everyone.