

Cottage Break and Enter

Breaking and Entering is a Crime!

This crime is all too prevalent in the Cottage and Summer Village Area.

This pamphlet is part of an initiative to assist with the detection of Break and Entering of property.

Please take a moment to read its contents.

Together we hope to make an impact on a crime which affects both seasonal and full-time residents

Break and Enter

For both seasonal and full-time residents located in the Summer Villages, the term Break and Enter is far too common.

In this area, Break and Enters are a fact of

life as the majority of the residences and cottages have been purchased in this area because it provides an element of privacy.

This element of privacy can be a wonderful feature; however, these residences and cottages become vulnerable targets for crime.

Success is dependent upon the ears and eyes of the community in remote locations.

Another problem the Police face is determining ownership of recovered property.

When an offender is caught with stolen property and the property cannot be positively identified, charges cannot be laid.

We must have a victim to prove a crime.

Additionally, property that cannot be identified makes it difficult to prove it is even stolen.

Detection:

Keep your eyes and ears open for suspicious vehicles and persons in the area of your residence.

Do not confront possible suspects.

Record the license numbers and descriptions of suspicious vehicles.

Record detailed descriptions of occupants of suspicious vehicles.

Organize residents in your area for Cottage Watch programs and seek the assistance of the Police for implementation.

Report your concerns immediately to the Police.

Make would be thieves visible

Don't hide keys in secret places.

Instead leave a duplicate with a friend or neighbor.

Prevention:

Borrow an engraver from your local Police Detachment to engrave your valuable belongings.

This may discourage theft of valuables and will provide a way to easily identify stolen property.

Use a personal identification mark such as your driver's license number when engraving your property.

For deterrent purposes, the identification mark should be easily identifiable.

Record the contents of your home or cottage on paper or using a video camera.

Record the serial numbers of your property.

Remove expensive articles from the cottage when away for extended periods of time.

Don't leave articles out, such as axes and tools, that could be used to assist in breaking into your residence.

Establish relationships with neighbors and check on each other's property when away.

Lock everything, Install deadbolts

Invest in a burglar alarm.

The most effective ones notify an outside service.

If away make certain your home looks occupied.

Shoveled walkways, mail collected, grass cut & timers for lights all help

Conviction:

Upon discovery of a break-in, contact the Police and do not enter, as evidence may be disturbed.