

## Personal Security Tips

### Apartment Security

- Keep your suite door locked at all times.
- Use secondary locks on patio doors and windows.
- Use timers to activate interior lights and leave a radio or television on.
- If out for the evening, draw your blinds.
- If someone knocks on your door, ask their identity BEFORE opening (if suspicious, do not open and alert manager or police immediately).

### Community Safety

- Be responsible for people you bring into the rental property.
  - Never let someone in that you do not know.
  - Never prop doors open.
  - If your fire alarm is regularly activated, ask management to have it moved or to install an alarm with a hush button.
- Never compromise the fire alarm.

## What is the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program?

The **Crime Free Multi-Housing Program** of Saskatoon is a voluntary, solution-focused, crime prevention program. It is specifically designed to assist owners, managers, residents, police, service providers and affiliated agencies to keep illegal and nuisance activity off rental property.

The program consists of three phases. It models crime prevention and maintains a tenant-friendly approach. It is effective in reducing opportunities for crime in multi-housing communities. Benefits to tenants include:

- Stable and satisfied resident base,
- Improved safety,
- Appreciative neighbors and apartment community spirit,
- CFMH signage and use of the CFMH logo for management upon completion of the three phases, and
- Priority call response from the Saskatoon Police Service.



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## HOW SAFE IS YOUR RENTAL PROPERTY?



**Saskatoon Police Service**

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We Have Joined The  
**SASKATOON  
CRIME FREE  
MULTI-HOUSING  
PROGRAM**

Keeping Illegal Activity  
Out of Rental Property





### Checklist when looking for safe rental accommodation or in your current rental property:

**SMOKE DETECTORS:** Check to make sure they are currently working.

**CONDITION:** Look at the complex, grounds and common areas. Are they well-maintained? Do you see graffiti, weeds, overgrown vegetation, or debris on the ground?

**REPUTATION:** Speak to current tenants in the complex and listen to what they have to say. Ask about the safety of the area and management response to problems. You can ask the management for a reference from a tenant in the building.

**LIGHTING:** Does the complex have appropriate lighting of paths and parking areas after dark? Good lighting deters crime.

**NEIGHBORHOOD:** If you drive around within a three to four block radius including lanes, does the area appear to be safe with well-maintained houses and properties without graffiti? Check the Saskatoon Police Service website for community crime statistics.

**NETWORK:** Does property management work with the Saskatoon Police through the Crime Free Multi-Housing program and is there a Tenant Committee in the complex?



**SECURITY MEASURES:** Inspect the unit. Does it have a sturdy deadbolt, peephole, balcony lighting, smoke detectors, primary and secondary window locks in working order? Ask management about other security measures. What is their policy with regard to keys and locks? How do they screen their tenants? How are tenant complaints addressed? How do they deal with health issues like bedbugs?

### ARE YOU...

1. Looking for a safe place to rent?
2. Wanting to live free from fear and frustration?
3. Seeking a stable community that respects each other's safety?
4. Experiencing extremely problematic neighbors?
5. Hoping your landlord will address issues with residents?
6. Seeking an apartment that has passed a security inspection?
7. Wanting to be treated fairly by your landlord?
8. Hoping to participate in an apartment community?

Then the Crime Free Multi-Housing program can help identify rental housing that will address your concerns.

View Certified Properties in Saskatoon on the Crime Free Multi-Housing page under Programs and Services at [saskatoonpoliceservice.ca](http://saskatoonpoliceservice.ca) or request a copy by phone at 306-975-8173.

