## **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 for identity BEFORE opening (if suspicious, do not open and alert manager or police immediately).
- Mark/engrave valuables with driver's licence number.

## **Vacation Security**

- Ensure doors and windows are secured.
- Have someone pick up your mail.
- Cancel all deliveries and have post office hold mail.
- Turn the bell on your telephone down.
- Put timers on lights and radio or television.
- Inform the manager of your absence.
  - Inform the manager if you will be having someone staying or looking after your suite.

## **Keeping Illegal Activity Out of Rental Property**



#### **Benefits To Residents**

- √ Active building management
- ✓ A stable, more satisfied resident base
- ✓ Improved personal safety for residents
- √ More apartment community spirit
- ✓ Friendly and appreciative neighbours
- √ Recognized by providers of Renter Insurance for discounts.



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# CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM

This program helps residents, owners, and managers keep illegal and nuisance activity out of rental property and provide a safer, more habitable environment for residents. Owners and managers of fully certified properties have committed to the standards established by the *Crime Free Multi-Housing Program*.

#### These standards include:

- Managers attend a mandatory training workshop on the principles of the *Crime* Free Multi-Housing Program, applicant screening, Residential Tenancy Act, and more.
- The property pass a security assessment implementing concepts of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design and minimum standards for locks, lighting, and landscape design.
- Thorough screening of applicants and successful applicants to sign the Crime Free Lease Addendum.
- Building management hosts an annual Safety Social for the residents, covering crime prevention techniques.

## Your Responsibility as a Resident

As a resident of a Crime Free Multi-Housing property you have a responsibility to contribute to the safety and security of the apartment community.

#### Residents should...

- Ensure your behaviour and that of your quests is not disruptive to neighbours.
- Respect the conditions of the rental agreement and Crime Free Lease Addendum.
- Do not "buzz" people into the building without knowing who they are.
- Do not prop open entrances.
- Wait for parking gate to close completely before driving away.

## Take personal responsibility for your possessions...

- · Use an anti-theft device on vehicles.
- Remove all items from parked vehicles that may attract thieves.
- Always lock your suite doors and windows and use secondary locks.
- Do not store irreplaceable valuables in the storage lockers.
- Keep your balcony clear of any items that may attract thieves.
- Alert the manager (or police) of any suspicious behaviour immediately.

## **Crime Prevention Tips**

Examples of when to call 9-1-1...

- A stranger is observed trying car doors.
- · Shouts for HELP are heard.
- Sounds of breaking glass, possibly indicating a break & enter of a vehicle or home.
- · A crime is observed.

### Tips when calling Police...

- · Remain calm.
- · State the location of the incident.
- Clearly state the concern.
- Give your name, phone number and address (it may be needed for follow-up).
- Give complete description of the person(s) or vehicle(s) involved.
- Give direction the suspect is travelling.
- Stay on the phone until told to hang up.

## Do not assume someone else has already called the Police



You are the Eyes & Ears of your apartment community