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# Neighbourhood Watch



**Aldersmith Place**  
**Neighbours watching out for one another**

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# What's happening in your area?

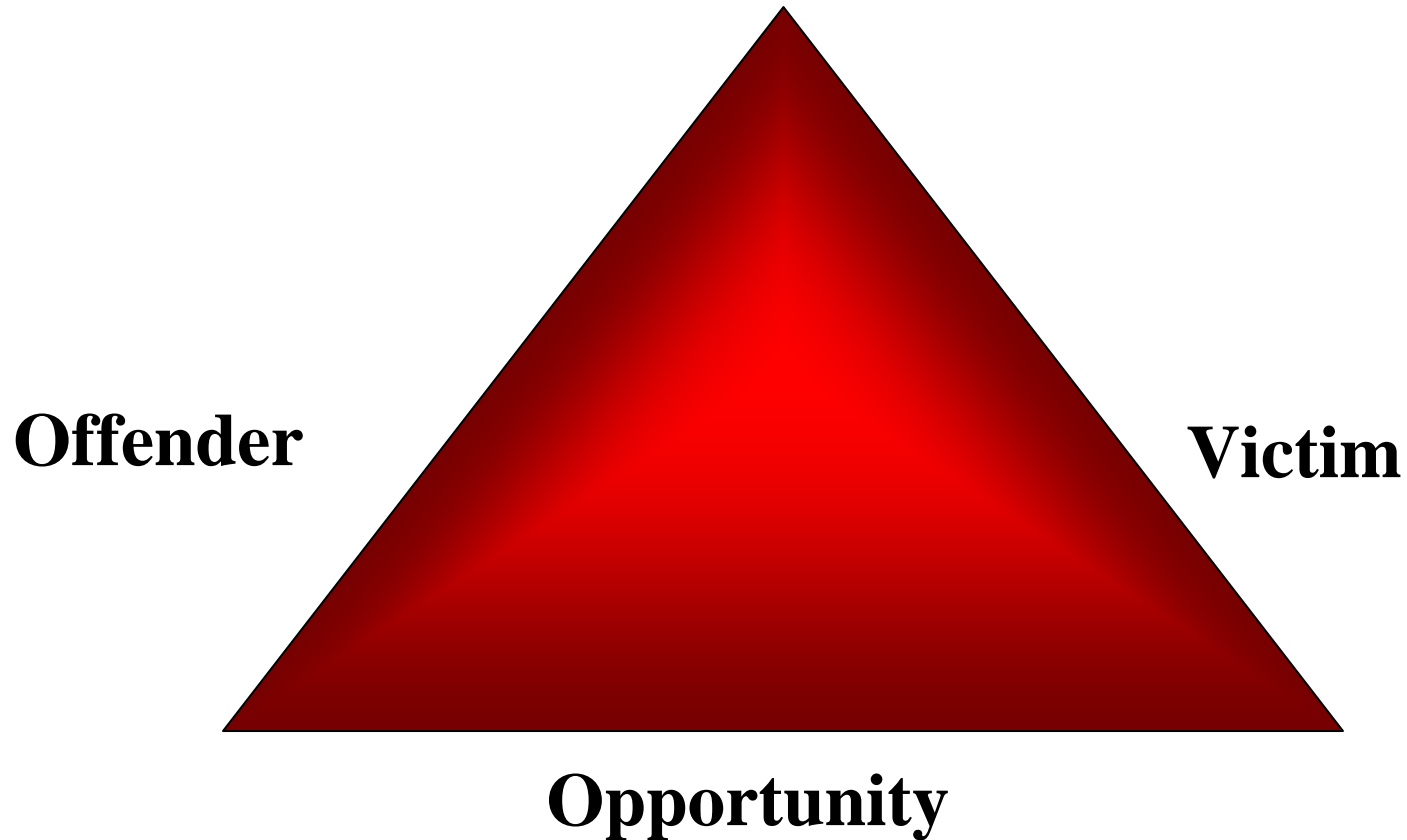


# Things you need to know

- Vacant homes are a prime target for burglars
- Most break-ins occur during daylight hours
- Youth are often the culprits



# The Crime Triangle



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# Three Basic Program Components:

**1. Target Hardening**

**2. Identification**

**3. Communication**

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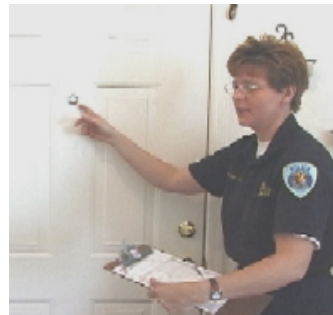
# Target Hardening

Consists of:

- Physical Barriers
  - Psychological Barriers
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# Physical Barriers - Doors

- Solid core wood or metal
- Hinges secured to the frame with 3 or 4 inch screws.
- Install a peep-hole viewer.



# Physical Barriers – Door Locks

- Use a double striker plate screwed to the frame.



- Deadbolt lock with minimum 1 inch throw.



Consider chain or other door guards

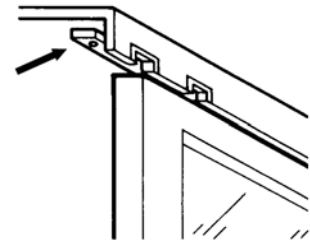


# Physical Barriers - Sliding Glass Doors

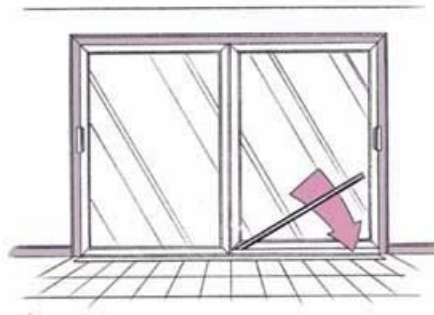
- Commercial locks



- Install screws to prevent lifting door up from track



- Secure with a bar when closed.



# Physical Barriers - Windows

- Permanently secure seldom used windows
- Replace glass with “lexan”
- Install window film
- Install security bars

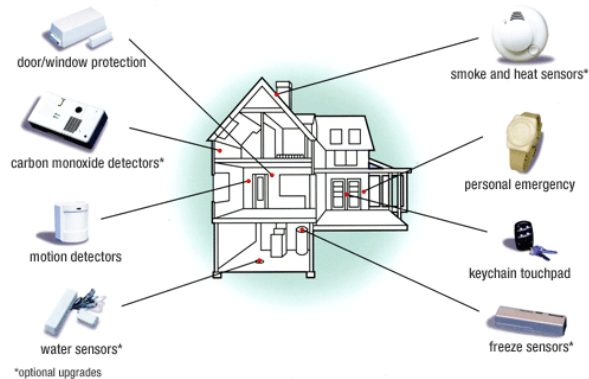


# Physical Barriers – Garage Doors

- Keep locked at all times.
- Lock the connecting door to the home.
- Secure garage door openers.



# Physical Barriers – Alarm Systems



- Effective deterrent
- Use in addition to other security measures
- Conduct research to determine best system suited to your security needs

# Psychological Barriers



## Watchful Neighbours

- Become familiar with your neighbour and the normal activity pattern within the community.
- Watch for unusual or suspicious activity.
- Take responsibility for preventing crime in your neighbourhood.

# Psychological Barriers - Lighting

- **Don't keep your home in complete darkness**
  - **Install sensor lights as a deterrent  
(ensure properly set up!)**



- **Use lighting timers**



# Psychological Barriers - Landscaping



- **Trim shrubs from around doors and windows.**
- **Use landscaping or fencing to define a private yard.**
- **Your house should be visible from the street creating the illusion of constant surveillance.**

# Psychological Barriers – “Lived In” Look

- **Regular yard maintenance**
- **Make your home appear as though many people live there.**
- **Discontinue newspaper delivery if away.**
- **Arrange mail pick up.**





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# Operation Identification

- **Mark personal property for identification.**
  - **Record serial numbers of valuables.**
  - **Keep a total inventory record of all valuables.**
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# Communication

- **Neighbours observing suspicious activities should report this to the police as it happens.**
- **Communicate with one another about incidents in your area.**
- **If you need help dial 911.  
Stay calm and keep the line open.**



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# Summary

- Limit opportunities for criminals!

Criminals generally look for opportunities that require the least amount of effort and can offer low risk and high gain.

- The police are committed to working with you to make your community a safer place to live.



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To keep our community safe,  
we all have to work together



Thanks for attending!

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