

White Sands Residents:

May 9-15, 2021 is Crime Prevention Week in Alberta and with the long weekend fast approaching, your White Sands Crime Watch group would like to share some tips on how to keep your property and possessions safe and secure.

The RCMP report that seasonal property break and enters in Alberta are extremely high. Learning how to protect your property is your best defense against crime. Reporting crime also remains of utmost importance to help police find the perpetrators.

In order to deter crime, the RCMP recommend adopting their Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies.

Here are some tips and questions to consider, whether you're at home or at your seasonal property:

- Are all your doors locked - front, back, and garage doors?
- Are your outbuildings and shed locked?
- Are your lawn mower, quad and tools stored in a safe and secure location?
- Are hitch locks in place to prevent trailer theft?
- Are your alarm system and motion sensor lights active?
- Is it obvious when you're not home?
- Is your yard adequately lit?
- Do you have a fence or natural barrier around your property?

Other crime prevention strategies include video surveillance, door bell or wildlife cameras, neighboring property checks and simply being aware of suspicious persons or vehicles within your area.

These tips may sound simple, but CPTED has proven to discourage crime and promote security all over the world. For more tips and crime prevention information, follow social media accounts on:

Twitter (@RCMPAlberta)

Facebook (@RCMPinAlberta)

YouTube (@RCMP-GRC Alberta).

RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police by dialing 911. Reports tell them where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store.

Stay safe, have an enjoyable long weekend.

Summer Village of White Sands Crime Watch Group