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CAA REMINDING MANITOBANS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND HOMES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Many people would say it is better to give than receive. For a holiday thief; however, taking is the best part.

“Sometimes we don’t even notice the things we do that make it easy and tempting for a burglar,” says Liz Peters, Public and Government Affairs Manager for CAA Manitoba. “Paying more attention to the little things will go a long way to protect yourself and your home this holiday season.”

CAA offers a few simple tips to protect yourself and your property from potential pilferers:

At home

- Keep your gifts out of sight. They shouldn’t be visible when standing outside your home.
- Boxes and packaging from big item gifts should be broken down and not easily visible. A thief can easily go curbside shopping in to see who on your street got the best goodies.
- Update your insurance as soon as you make any substantial purchase (TVs, jewelry etc.)
- Keep your doors locked. Fifty per cent of break-ins occur because a door was left unlocked.

Away from home

- Always make your home look occupied. Get a relative, neighbor or friend to check on the house every day, pick up mail and shovel if needed.
- Have some lights or TV in your house on a timer to turn on.

On social media

- Don’t post on social media sites that you will be away from your home.
- Although tempting, don’t share pictures of the great presents you received.
- Be aware of where you are checking-in on social media sites like Foursquare and Facebook. Someone could be tracking your every step.

Out shopping

- Don’t leave your purse in the shopping cart. While you’re looking at which colour sweater your nephew will like more, someone could take it without you seeing.
- Don’t leave valuables in your vehicle. If you have to leave some bags, put them in your trunk where they are out of sight.
- Always take your receipt with you, rather than in the bag. That way if it were to get stolen, they wouldn’t be able to walk back into the store and get cash value for it.

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