



# A MESSAGE FROM THE SURETÉ DU QUÉBEC

## CLOSING THE COTTAGE: PREVENTION TIPS

When fall is upon us, people leave their summer cottages more vulnerable when they return to their permanent homes. Here are some ways that you can take as an owner to better protect your second home.

- First of all, do not leave any tools outside that might be useful for thieves (easy access ladder, large garbage/recycling bin near a window).
- Notify your neighbors who are permanent residents of your departure for the winter so they can keep an eye on your residence if they take walks, for example. Leave them your contact information so they can reach you should there be an emergency.
- Have your entrance clear of snow to show that you are present.
- Well lit entrances and interior of your home with programmable timers.
- Get an outdoor lighting system that triggers movements.
- If you can get a hunting camera that takes pictures when there is movement, it can help a lot in our investigations if there is a robbery.
- Have a suitable lock and lock your garage door during an extended departure.
- Having an alarm system can also be a good way of prevention.
- Make an inventory of your valuables.
- Engrave your valuables where it's visible. It'll then be harder for a thief to resell things that are engraved.

### What to do if unfortunately your cottage is burglarized ?

- **Call 310-4141** to file a complaint.
- Do not touch anything, leave everything in place until the police arrives to the scene to see if there is any evidence that could be taken on the spot.
- Thereafter you can contact your insurance with the report number given by the police.

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### TOGETHER, let's STOP, SOLVE and PREVENT **CRIME** ANONYMOUSLY!

*Échec au crime* offers a simple and sympathetic way to **report and prevent a crime** anonymously and safely. It plays a major role in preventing crime and acts as an intermediary between the public and the police in gathering and sharing information.

**Call 9-1-1 right away to talk to the police.**

If you have information for us regarding a crime, **dial the toll free number 1 800 711-1800** or [www.echecaucrime.com](http://www.echecaucrime.com)

**TO REPORT A CRIME, IS TO REJECT VIOLENCE AND ABUSE.**



### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A program or committee of neighborhood watch in which residents monitor the homes of others and patrol the streets, creating a community connection where the police and the committee work together to prevent crime.

When criminal activity is suspected, all are encouraged to report to the authorities and not to intervene.

For your security and the efficiency of the program, we must remain vigilant.

**Neighbourhood Watch is our responsibility to all !**

### Members of the "NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH" Committee Jay Brothers, Counsellor responsible

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**310-4141**