

Safe... around the home!



In the city, you can enjoy your garden, work around the house or park your car without worrying about burglars. You should remember, however, a few safety tips offered by Tandem, Montréal's support program for citizen action in urban security.

The front and back of the house

- Burglars prefer darkness to light, so it is important to keep accesses to your home well-lit.
- Photocells and motion detectors are efficient additions to good exterior lighting.
- Your address, both in the front and back of your home, should be easy to read and well-lit, in order to make it easier for help to reach you in case of an emergency.
- Bushes should be trimmed, in order to keep doors and windows clear and keep them visible.

- Store away ladders, tools and other objects that could be used to gain access to your home.
- If there is a fence around your property, it is preferable to have a link fence in order to see through it. This makes it easier for neighbours to keep an eye on your home.
- Never hide a key in "traditional" hiding places, such as under the doormat or in the mailbox. Leave it with someone you trust instead.
- Never leave a message on your door saying that you are away from home.
- Chairs, lawn furniture and barbecues may tempt burglars. Store these out of sight of passers-by, or secure them with a good lock and chain.

The car

- Whether you park your car in a driveway or on the street:
 - Keep your driveway well-lit or park in a well-lit area.
 - When you leave your car, even for a few minutes, it is important to turn off the engine, close the windows and lock the doors.
 - Never leave valuables in plain sight in your vehicle. Bring them along or place them in the trunk before reaching your destination.
 - When you park on the street, turn the wheels to the curb and lock the steering wheel.
 - Use an anti-theft device, such as an ignition cut-off, an alarm system, a steering wheel lock, etc.
- Have the windows and other parts of your car engraved.

The garage

- The garage door should be closed and locked at all times.
- If the garage door is equipped with an automatic door opener, it is preferable to unplug it if you are going to be away for a long period of time.

Storage space

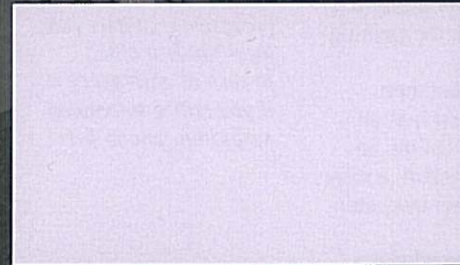
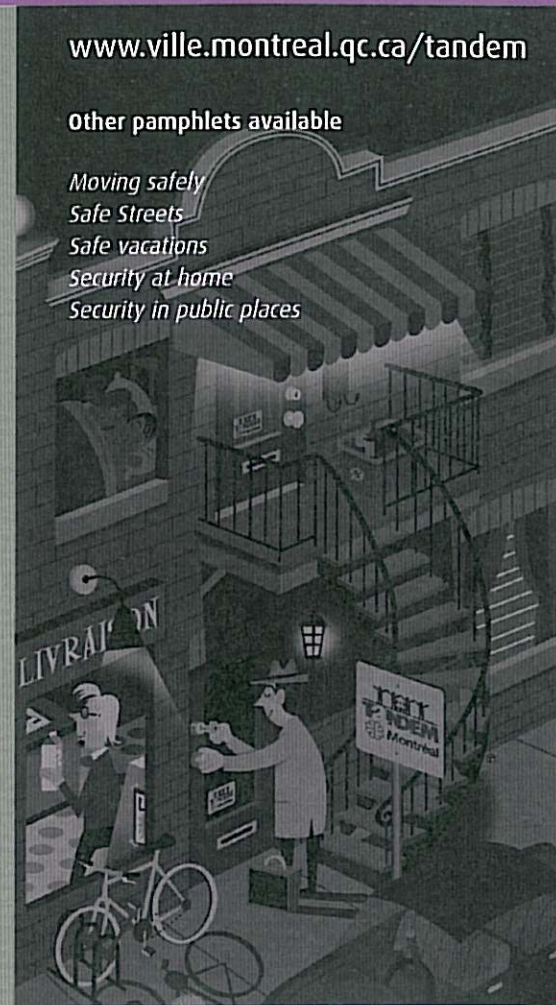
- If you have storage space outside the home, such as a locker or a tool shed, it should be locked properly. Avoid storing valuables in it (tool box, air conditioner, etc.).

For any question on prevention, contact your local Tandem office. In case of emergency or if you notice something suspicious, phone 9-1-1.

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