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Tips to Improve Security of Your Lake Property

When you are away from you lake property:

- * avoid leaving valuable sporting equipment outside in plain sight;
- * always lock your cottage or residence door when you leave your lake property; and
- * do not leave small boats, canoes and personal watercraft near the shore. Instead, bring them higher up on the property and beyond the line-of-sight of passing boats or snowmobiles. Remember that lake properties are vulnerable to access from both the land and water/ice.

When you plan to be away for a long period of time:

- * always remove all firearms and alcohol;
 - * take all prized valuables and expensive equipment home with you when you leave for the winter or consider storing them in a protected facility in Perth or Westport;
 - * Leave a sign attached to your cottage, residence, bunkie or shed that you have removed all valuables and have taken them home with you;
 - * Do not restrict visibility to the insides of your cottage or residence with curtains; better to display that nothing of value is within;
 - * hire someone to do cottage or residence checks in your absence;
 - * form neighbourhood watch groups on your private roads leading to your cottage or residence;
 - * consider using Trail-Cams (video cameras). These can be good deterrent and evidence for conviction. Post signage advising of your surveillance.
 - * seek help from the OPP & Ontario websites for property security and safeguarding your cottage or residence - see links below:
 - * OPP Safeguard Ontario Property Program - <http://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=115&lng=en&entryid=570bf1a58f94ac983906709c>
 - * Ontario Home Security Home Audit Guide - http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/police_serv/HomeSecurityAuditGuide/home_security.html
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