Many people operate under the assumption that concerns for personal safety apply only to someone who is away from the comfort of his or her home. A person should not take anything for granted when it comes to their safety.

Trust your instincts!

Connect with your Community Relations Officers
To book a presentation, request officers attend an event, or for more information:

204-986-6322
Winnipeg.ca/TakeAction

Make the Right Call
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 204-986-6222
Report a Crime Online: Winnipeg.ca/police
IT’S IMPORTANT TO BE AWARE OF YOUR PERSONAL SAFETY IN ALL SITUATIONS, INCLUDING THE HOME

■ Keep doors and windows secure at all times.
■ Only open the door when it is safe to do so.

SERVICE AND DELIVERY PEOPLE
■ Place a peephole in the door.
■ Verify person’s reason for attendance.
■ Ask for proper identification.
■ Consider contacting the organization/company to confirm/verify delivery time.
■ Consider contacting the organization/company to schedule an appointment.
■ Be sure to utilize reputable and reliable companies.

STRANGERS AT THE DOOR
■ It is common practice for a burglar to knock first to see if anyone is home.
■ Verify the person’s reason for attendance.
■ If you are uncomfortable with their attendance, stay calm and tell them to leave.
■ If they refuse to leave advise them that you are calling police.

APARTMENT/CONDO SAFETY
Remember the front door of your apartment/condo block is the front door of your residence.
■ Never allow anyone that you do not know into the building.
■ Lock/secure doors, windows and lockers.
■ Do not identify yourself on the call board.
■ Do not enter an elevator if you are suspicious of the occupants.
■ Report suspicious people loitering.

TELEPHONE SAFETY
Be cautious when speaking to someone on the phone, as you cannot confirm their true identity. They could be a fraudster.
■ If a caller refuses to identify him or herself to you – hang up.
■ Do not give out any personal information to anyone. This includes credit card or banking info.
■ Do not divulge that you are home alone.
■ If you are receiving annoying or harassing telephone calls, hang up and activate the call trace feature (*57). Document the date, time and nature of the calls and assemble a record of calls before contacting the police.
■ Notify the police immediately if the calls are threatening in nature.

SAFETY TIPS TO REMEMBER
■ Keep sightlines clear – trim trees and shrubs to prevent a place to hide.
■ Lighting can be an effective deterrent for criminals:
  • use motion lights on the exterior
  • use timers inside your home to give appearance someone is home
■ Change locks upon moving into a new residence.
■ Keep doors locked even when you are home or in your yard.
■ Include children in your safety plan.
■ Get to know your neighbours.
■ Be aware of suspicious activity and look out for each other.