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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](http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/police_serv/HomeSecurityAuditGuide/home_security.html)
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