

## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS AND REPORTING

The summer months bring more people out into the streets, many of whom are enjoying the features of the downtown which include restaurants, festivals and the waterfront. During these times people also let their guard down by leaving valuables in plain sight which draws the criminal element. We have also seen incidents of graffiti, thefts and drug use. Many of these incidents go unreported making it very challenging for our police service to address crime trends.

It is imperative that residents and business owners alike report crimes when they occur. To report “crimes in-progress,” call 9-1-1 immediately. If a crime has occurred and there is no immediate danger to the public, the non-emergency number (905) 546-4925 can be called to report the incident. On-line reporting is also available for many of these incidents. Reporting is important because it allows our police service to track crimes, identify trends and allocate appropriate resources to resolve problems. We can only help if we have knowledge of the problem!

### SOME SAFETY TIPS TO CONSIDER

- Please ensure you secure and lock your bicycles even when leaving them for “just a minute”
- Be sure to lock your automobile, and remove all valuables from plain site within the vehicle
- Please secure all doors and windows to your residences and businesses and remove all valuable property from within common areas
- Consider adding lighting to dark areas surrounding your property, entrances and exits
- If you observe any suspicious people or activities, day or night, please consider reporting this information to the Hamilton Police Service using the contact information provided below

### CONTACT POLICE TO REPORT ANY CRIMES THAT OCCUR IN THE AREA

#### PHONE

Police Non-Emergency Reporting: 905-546-4925  
Police Emergencies / Crimes in-progress: 911  
Crime Stoppers Anonymous Tips: 1-800-222-8477  
On-Line reporting available 24 hours

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Visit [Crime Stoppers of Hamilton Website](#) for more info on how to anonymously tip off crime.