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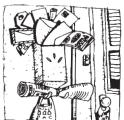


Going away on vacation? **Before** leaving, have you been careful to...

leave nothing outside that would make a thief's work easier?

stop delivery of your mail and newspapers or arrange to have them picked up by a

neighbour?





ensure that your house looks lived in at all times?

Local policing... Working together!

## PROTECT YOUR POSSESSIONS BEFORE LEAVING ON VACATION!

No matter how long you plan to be away, it is better to take all necessary measures before leaving in order to protect your possessions against theft, fire, or low temperatures, if you are going to be away during the winter.

By taking measures as simple as:

- putting inside anything, like a ladder or a garbage can, that could be used to make the thief's work easier;
- asking a neighbour to collect mail and newspapers and to tidy up the entrance to your house or your garage, where he may even park his car;
- ensuring that a reliable person visits your house daily during the winter to make sure that the heating system is functioning properly;
- setting up prevention systems, such as timers on electric lights or appliances, movement detectors outside, or an alarm system.

You will leave with your mind at ease and, most importantly, you will avoid unpleasant surprises on your return. Don't forget: criminals only need one opportunity, don't give it to them!

## A prevention initiative from your insurer and the *Sûreté du Québec*.