



Partners for a safe community

Burnaby RCMP Crime Prevention Unit

Digital Tips

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17 2016

Senior Financial Fraud Awareness Forum
12:30 – 3:30 pm
Bonsor Recreation Complex
Banquet Room
6550 Bonsor Ave

March 31 2016

Block Watch Captain and Co-Captain Training

April 10-16 2016

National Volunteer Week

April 13 2016

Business Watch Information Session
Windsor Elementary School
6166 Imperial St

April 30 2016

Community Safety Forum
Ismaili Centre
4010 Canada Way

SPRING CLEANING



Spring is a popular time to clean up and sort your belongings. Whether you decide to keep it, sell it or trash it, consider these valuable tips to ensure you are cleaning the smart way!

Keep it!



Did you...

- ✓ Record item serial numbers?
Inventoried lists help police locate stolen items & are used for content insurance purposes.
- ✓ Store your belongings in a secure area. i.e., a safe?
Criminals usually go straight to the bedroom where most valuables are kept.
- ✓ Limit the amount of cash in your home?
If a criminal receives a high reward by taking your cash, it might mean they will come back for more!

Sell it!



Did you...

- ✓ Find a deal too good to be true?
Ex. A buyer is willing to send additional funds to ship products without seeing it first.
- ✓ Consider various methods of payments?
Fake payments such as using stolen credit cards and fraudulent cheques are common
- ✓ Communicate solely through email?
Many fraudsters do not reside locally and will say anything to get your money (even from far away)!

Trash it!



Did you...

- ✓ Remove all personal data on your electronics?
Make sure to delete personal data before recycling!
- ✓ Shred all documents with personal information?
Your garbage could be a way for criminals to steal your information!
- ✓ Dispose of large items properly?
Leaving items in your yard creates a messy appearance and hinders the natural surveillance of your area!

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE ROOT OF A STRONG COMMUNITY

Below are few comments from our Block Watch Members for why they volunteer

"Because this is my community and I care about it and the people living here."

Why do you volunteer?

"I'm trying to make a difference and to stop crime before it happens"

"No one else would step up"

"To be a good neighbour"

"... if everyone knew 10 of their neighbours then crime rates would decrease"

"...to keep our community engaged in dialogue pertaining to vigilance and crime prevention"

"It makes the neighbourhood feel a little safer; knowing...neighbours are looking out for each other's safety"

"Keeping the neighbours and myself informed, building a stronger community by knowing each other"

You are the eyes and ears of the community. The neighbourhood and the police need you. Thank you for your time & commitment!

April 13-16 is Volunteer Week!



What kind of volunteering can you do at Burnaby RCMP?

- ❖ Auxiliary Constable Program
- ❖ Foot Patrol
- ❖ Bike Patrol
- ❖ Cell Watch
- ❖ Speed Watch
- ❖ Stop Watch
- ❖ Burnaby Citizens Crime Watch

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Situation:

A Block Watch participant observed a person in a vehicle driving erratically, drinking alcohol, and smoking unknown substances. Block Watch members asked the driver to leave. The driver complied. 9-1-1 was called after the vehicle left.

Teachable Moments:

Vehicles being driven erratically constitutes dangerous driving. 9-1-1 should be called while the act is in progress. Block Watch members must think about their personal safety first before approaching an unknown person.



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