

Residential Break-Ins - a crime of opportunity

Did you know?

- A residential break-in happens every 90 seconds in Canada.
- More than 80 per cent of break-ins occur during daylight hours.
- Burglars don't choose victims randomly – they look for opportunities.
- Most illegal entries are made by amateur burglars without the use of sophisticated tools.
- Most burglars enter through a basement or ground floor door or window.
- Most burglars rely in concealment, speed and force to gain entry to a home.
- Break-ins cost Canadian insurance companies millions of dollars each year in claim payments. This cost is shared by policyholders through increased premiums.

Protecting your home

Making a claim because of a break-in could increase your insurance premiums. By taking precautions you can save yourself inconvenience and money.

Having your home violated is a very traumatic experience. Take the necessary steps to reduce your chances of being a victim of crime by installing a 24-hour monitored alarm system in your home.

Why install a 24-hour monitored alarm system? There is no perfect deterrent to protect your home against a burglar. However, statistics show the chance of having your home broken into is significantly reduced if you have a 24-hour monitored alarm system.

Statistics also show that the amount of property stolen from homes equipped with a 24-hour monitored alarm system is less than that from homes without a monitored alarm system. Burglars just don't have as much time to act when an alarm is activated.

A 24-hour monitored alarm system provides peace of mind and security for your entire family against the possibility of home intrusion whether you're at home or away.

Alarm systems can also monitor smoke, fire, temperature change, carbon monoxide and water escape. Alarms get help there sooner, minimizing damage and danger.

It's worth it

SGI CANADA provides an insurance premium discount to homeowners with a monitored alarm system. Ask your SGI CANADA broker about program details and eligibility.