



**Malton Women Council**

# Home Safety Tip Sheet



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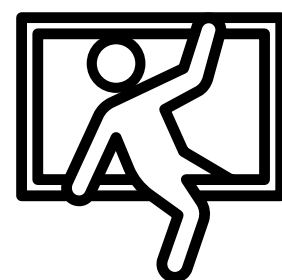


## Home Safety

Home safety includes the safety of your property and the safety of your loved ones while living at home. To live safely at home, follow the tips below.

## Preventing Burglaries

Thieves often target homes with specific characteristics such as corner lots, homes near open spaces or parks, and homes that look unmaintained or unoccupied. These homes are easier to break into without getting caught.



To keep your home safe:

- Maintain shrubs and hedges to allow for a clear view into windows and doors
- Keep the garage and screen doors locked even if you are home
- Install a second lock for your windows and sliding doors
- Communicate with your neighbors and look after each other's properties, especially when away on vacation
- Cancel newspaper subscriptions when on vacation
- Do not publicize your travel plans on social media
- Make changes to your home's environmental design. You are at a greater likelihood of facing a break-in if you have already encountered one previously.
- Install an alarm system for security







## Home Safety for Building Residents



**As a resident, it is your responsibility not only to keep your own apartment or condominium safe but also to consider the safety of your building.**

- Use building facilities such as laundry rooms only during active hours, or buddy up with others to use these facilities
- Only open access control or locked doors in the lobby or garage for people you know
- Close, open, or improperly closed doors
- Stand to the side of an elevator and look inside before entering. If uncomfortable with the people inside, do not enter. When inside the elevator, stand near the control panel, and push all floor buttons and the emergency button if required. Do not push the stop button, or you may get stuck between floors.
- Know your neighbours and look out for each other's units.



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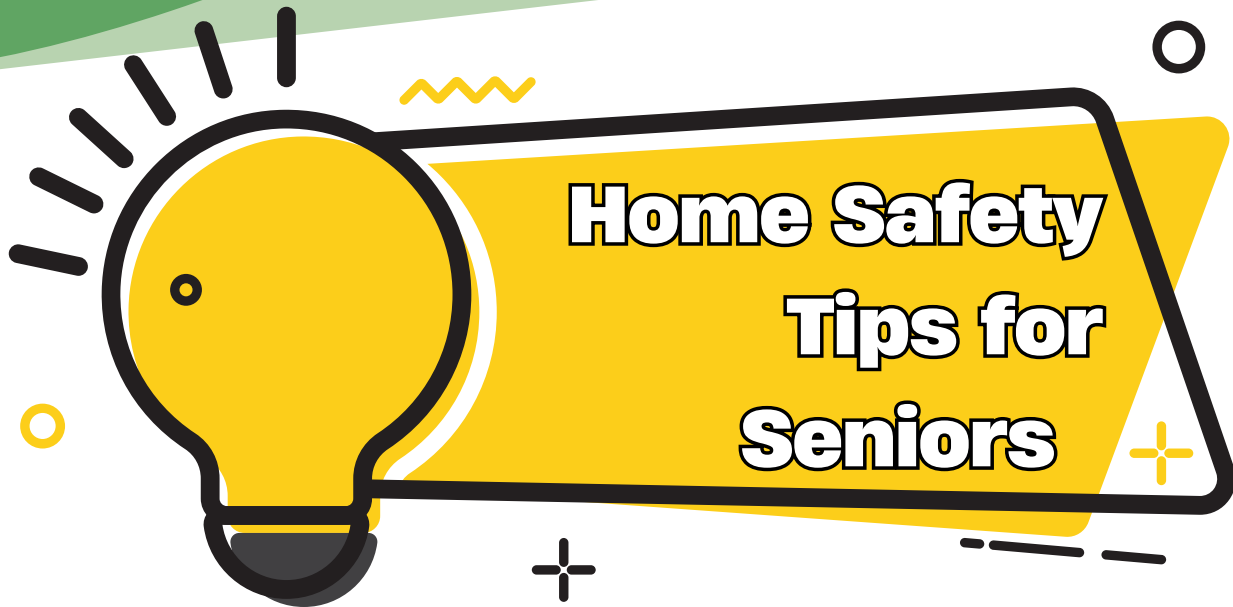
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# Safety Inside the House

## General Home Safety Tips

- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors on every floor.
- Arrange inspections for furnace, hot water heater, gas appliances, chimneys, and flues.
- Have emergency contacts handy on every phone.
- Do not keep mowers or motor vehicles running in the garage.
- Consider having a landline, as a cellphone battery can discharge, and power can go out.
- Check your home insurance policy for coverage.





- Obey rules, traffic signs, and signals. Rules for motor vehicles and bicycles are the same for the road.
- Wear bright clothing and use reflective lights (side, front, rear)
- Ensure breaks are working
- Ride on the right side with the flow of traffic
- Cross at intersections. If you are driving on the road, you can drive through the intersection like a vehicle when safe.
- If you are young and riding on the sidewalk, stop at the end of the sidewalk, get off the bike, and walk your bicycle across the road.

# Home Safety Tips for Children

- Cover electrical sockets and keep wires out of reach of children.
- Store drugs, chemicals, cleaning products, and medication out of reach.
- Keep toys with small parts out of reach of toddlers and young children.
- Use window guards and safety netting to prevent falls from windows.
- Install safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs. Place guards on banisters and railings.



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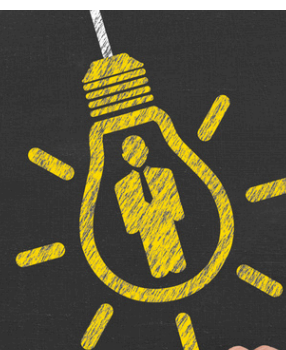
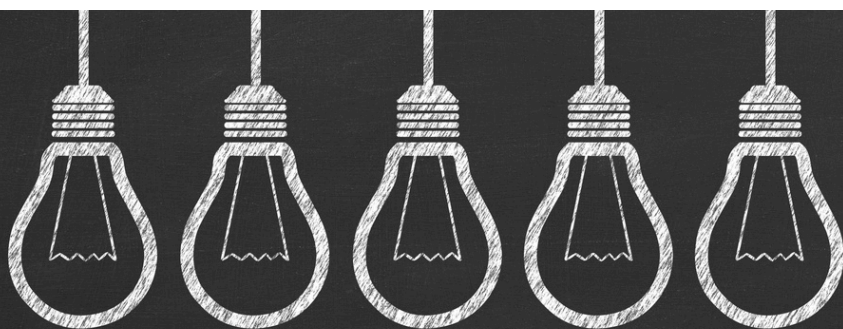
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# Resources and References



- Peel Police Home Safety: <https://www.peelpolice.ca/en/safety-tips/protecting-yourself-and-your-property.aspx>
- Government of Canada Home Safety  
<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/home-safety.html>
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- American College of Emergency Physicians Home Safety Checklist  
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