



## Coquitlam RCMP Block Watch

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Block Watch – Making our communities safer, more inclusive, connected and stronger, one block at a time

### HOME SECURITY SPRING CLEANING CHECKLIST:

As the days grow longer and the weather gets warmer, now's the time to start thinking about spring cleaning. While this usually means cleaning out the gutters, clearing the lawn, and giving your home a deep clean, it's also the perfect time to review your home security measures.

# 4 - Spring cleaning presents the opportunity to redecorate with home security in mind. Believe it or not, interior decorating can have an impact on your home's safety. Whether it's rearranging a few couches or a complete renovation, here's how you can keep security top of mind when redecorating:

- **Consider locking expensive vases, glassware, and other items within cabinets,** instead of leaving them unsecured on a table or dresser.
- **Consider investing in an in home safe to keep your valuables secure from intruders.** Ensure the safe is both waterproof and fireproof to provide protection for any financial documents, insurance documents, passports and any other important paperwork you want to keep secure.
- **Choose the right window coverings.** You should be cognizant of what people can see from the street. It's especially important to keep valuables out of plain sight.
- **Make sure furniture changes don't interfere with your security system.** Double-check to ensure furniture doesn't block cameras or accidentally trigger motion detectors. If you consider making extreme changes to your home's layout, consider bringing in a security expert to reassess your security system setup.
- **If you make expensive new purchases, discretely dispose of the trash.** TV, gaming system, electronics, and new furniture boxes left on your curb could make your home a target for burglars. Break down all boxes and conceal them within recycle bags or recycle bins instead of leaving them out in the open.

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