

# Neighbourhood Watch



## ***December 2020 Bulletin***

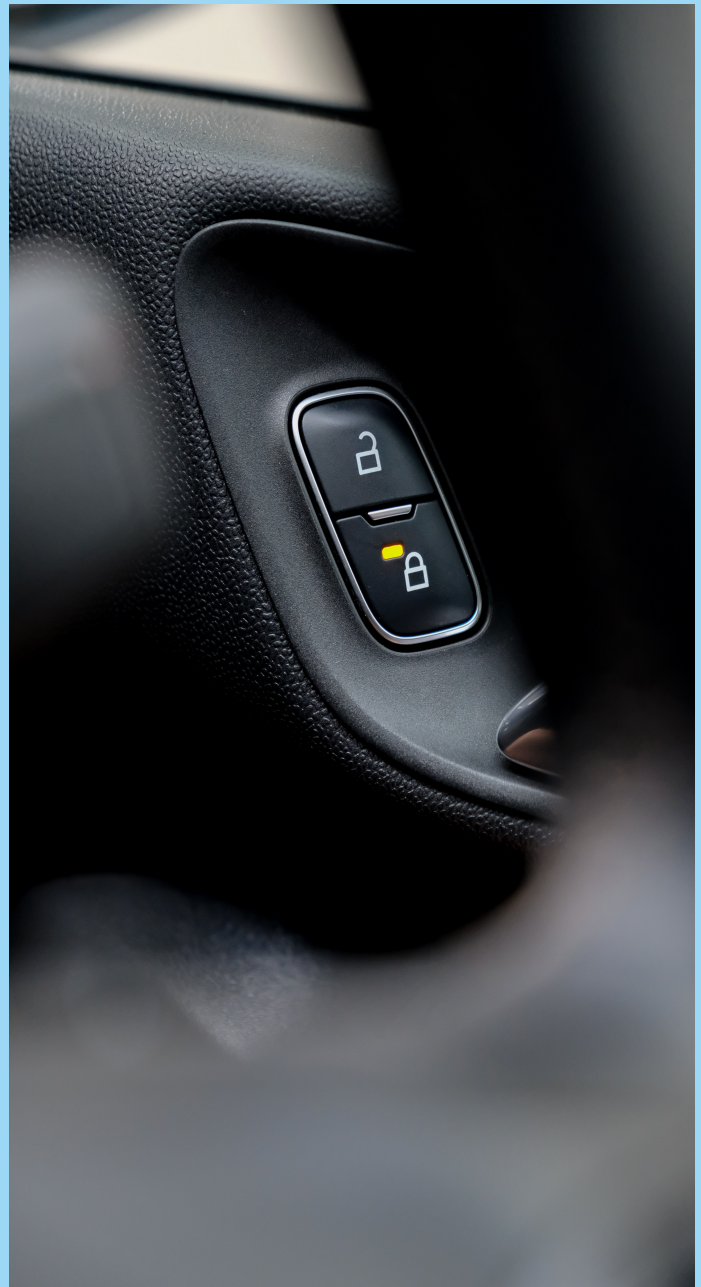


### **Preventing Vehicle-related Theft**

Our Neighbourhood Watches and Peel Regional Police have noted an increase of vehicle break-ins and theft throughout Mississauga. Vehicle-related theft is often a crime of opportunity, and it is important for vehicle owners to mitigate the risk of these crimes occurring.

**Here are some step neighbours can take to ensure vehicles in their community are protected:**

- **Lock it or Lose it** - Making a habit of doubling checking car door locks and windows and ensuring they are locked and closed can go a long way in protecting your vehicle from theft.
- **Never leave your vehicle unattended** - As winter approaches it can be tempting to leave your car started to warm up while you wait inside your home. This leaves a great opportunity for thieves to easily drive away with your vehicle. We must NOT provide thieves with these opportunities!
- **Remove temptations to commit crime against your vehicle** - Conceal or remove any valuables from your vehicle such as cash, garage door openers, wallets, or cellphones to discourage thieves from targeting your vehicle.
- **Invest in added layers of security** - Consider purchasing added mechanical security measures such as anti-theft screws for license plates, steering wheel locks, tracking devices, or Faraday bags for newer model car keys.



Watch members should note and report any suspicious activity or crime they witness to Peel Regional Police or Crime Stoppers. To ensure vehicle safety, every neighbour must do their part and practice these tips.



# Community Giving



We are nearing the end of a very difficult year that has truly signalled the importance of working together as a community to look out for our fellow neighbours. Entering the holiday season, many may not get to celebrate as happily as they may deserve, due to the overall impacts of this year.

For those that are interested and able to give back, please consider reaching out to any of the following organizations to see what donations they are accepting:

## Mississauga Food Bank

<https://www.themississaugafoodbank.org/>

## Peel Regional Police Toys for Tots

<https://www.peelpolice.ca/en/in-the-community/charities-and-partnerships.aspx>

## Seva Food Bank

<https://www.sevafoodbank.com/>

## The Compass

<https://thecompass.ca/>

Neighbourhood Watches at Applewood Road, Western Skies Way and Moodie Court have organized to collect donations earlier this year. This has proven to be a clever way to have a distance-friendly Neighbourhood Watch social event that is also generous to the community at large.

The need for donations may continue to grow in 2021. Please feel free to consider these community giving efforts even after the holidays. As always, Safe City Mississauga would be happy to help you organize these efforts!



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