



# Community Crimes

## Prevalent Crimes Affecting Edmontonians

### Theft from Vehicle



Vehicles are safest when locked, alarmed and **ALL** valuables are removed. A vehicle left unlocked with anything of value (electronic devices and chargers, vehicle registration, wallets or purses, loose change, sunglasses, shopping bags, etc.) inside creates an **opportunity for crime**. A locked vehicle with valuables inside can be a target to have a window broken. A quick smash-and-grab can be worth it to a thief. Please deter crime by protecting your valuables and yourself by following the tips below:

### Theft of Vehicle

- Never leave a vehicle unattended with the keys in it.
- Never leave a spare key in or around a vehicle.
- Lock your vehicle - even in your garage.
- Park where it is safest: well-lit, near security cameras and/or where people are nearby.
- Ensure windows and sunroofs are closed when the vehicle is unattended.
- Use add-on security features such as a steering wheel lock.
- If you have a car alarm, USE IT.

An unlocked car can be stolen in less than one minute.  
With the keys inside, a thief can take a car in under **10 seconds**.

### Break and Enters / Thefts from Garage

You cannot completely stop someone from breaking into your home or garage but you can make it harder for him/her to do so.

#### Your Garage

- Ensure your garage has good quality handle and lock (deadbolt).
- Keep the garage doors and windows closed and locked when not in use.
- Refrain from leaving the garage door remote in your vehicle
- Consider after-market security: anti-kick door jamb, frosted or covered windows and/or a wide-angle peephole (attached garages).
- Maintain the roll-up garage door, frames, locks and hinges.
- Refrain from leaving spare house or vehicle keys on a board or hook in garage.

#### Your Home

- When in your backyard lock your front door and vice versa.
- When in the home, it is a good idea to keep your doors locked.
- Consider keeping your blinds/curtains closed at night so people cannot see in.
- Consider installing an alarm system.
- Be wary of strangers coming to your door.
- Do not leave house or car keys on a table or hook near the entry of your home.

#### When on Vacation

- Arrange to have your mail and flyers picked up.
- Stop newspaper delivery.
- Have the grass cut, leaves raked or snow removed as necessary.
- Use timers on a few lamps in rooms where the light will be noticed from outside the house.
- Have a neighbour check inside and outside the house every few days.
- Ask a neighbour to park his/her car in your driveway/stall.
- Have someone put out your garbage can on pick-up day.
- **DO NOT** announce your vacation on your voicemail or social media.

#### Your Yard

- Some items can be both a target for theft or used as tools by thieves.
- Store ladders inside or lock them to something that cannot be moved. A ladder can be used to gain entry into a second or higher storey window.
- Put tools away after use. Screwdrivers, hammers and pry bars can be used to break into your home, garage or vehicle.
- Toys, bikes and tools accessible to roadways are easy targets for criminal behavior.
- Ensure sheds close securely and have a good quality lock.

# When you need to report **Who, How and When to call!**

## For an Emergency - Call 911

### Call 911 for:

- Life threatening situations
- Crimes in progress
- Person/People in danger
- Unusual noises like screams or breaking glass

### DO NOT call 911 for:

- Information
- Advice
- To report minor vehicle accidents
- To reach a particular EPS member

### If you call 911 by mistake:

DO NOT hang-up. Stay on the line so the dispatcher can ensure you are safe and not in need of emergency services. Hang-up calls are dispatched when they are unable to speak with a caller.

*Make the right call* and help keep 911 operators available for emergency calls.

## For Non-Emergencies

### EPS Online & Mobile

You can  
**Report a Crime**  
Online at  
[edmontonpolice.ca](http://edmontonpolice.ca)  
**EPS Mobile App**



- Theft from Vehicle and Mischief to Autos under \$5000
- Damage to Vehicle (not collision related)
- Damage to Property
- Lost/Found Property
- Theft and Mischief under \$5000

### EPS Non-Emergency

**780-423-4567 or #377**

- Thefts/Mischievous behavior
- Assaults
- Break and Enters into homes/businesses
- Child Abuse/Welfare concerns
- Disturbances/Noise complaints
- Missing Persons
- Sexual Assaults
- Property Damage
- Collisions where vehicles are not drivable
- Parking Offences/Abandoned vehicles
- Neighbour disputes
- Family disputes
- Frauds over \$5,000
- Suspicious persons/vehicles
- Weapons/Gun complaints

### EPS in-person @ Police Station

- Hit and Run Collisions
- Collisions where vehicles are drivable
- Frauds under \$5,000

### Crime Stoppers

**1-800-222-8477**

#### Report anonymously

- Text "TIP250" to CRIMES (274637)
- Securely online. [www.crimestoppers.ab.ca/](http://www.crimestoppers.ab.ca/)
- **TipSubmit Mobile App**

Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call-display, call-trace or tape any phone calls. Information leading to an arrest qualifies for up to a \$2,000 cash award.



### City of Edmonton Bylaw

**311 or [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca)**

#### Edmonton 311 Mobile App

Concerns about residential property, parking, noise, garbage, snow, street lights, potholes, and more

### What is suspicious?

- Slow moving vehicles cruising the block repeatedly - possibly casing a home
- Vehicle being loaded with valuables – possible burglary or theft in progress
- Persons looking into parked cars
- Persons going door-to-door, particularly back doors
- Persons going door-to-door asking to use the phone/looking for an address
- Occupied vehicle parked for an extended period of time

Do not hesitate to call!

Do not assume someone else will

Intelligence enables police activities to be guided by reliable, critical and timely information. Police rely on the community to be their eyes and ears.

### You can make a difference

- Get to know your neighbours and look out for each other
- Keep up appearances – a well-tended neighbourhood is less attractive to criminals and/or vandals
- Get involved in programs like Walk Your Block
- Be aware and report suspicious activities to police

Check out your **Neighbourhood Crime Stats** at [crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca](http://crimemapping.edmontonpolice.ca)