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### **Halloween Safety Tips**

1. Children should be accompanied by an adult.
2. Children should wear clothing that can easily be seen at night. Retro- reflective materials are best.
3. Children should trick or treat in one well-known area and not wander into unknown neighborhoods.
4. All candy should be inspected by an adult to make sure that no one has tampered with it. If it looks suspicious, the police should be contacted.
5. Children should avoid stray animals.
6. Children should wear masks that do not interfere with vision. Better yet, they can avoid masks by wearing makeup.
7. Children should watch for moving vehicles when crossing streets.
8. Costumes should be short enough that the child will not trip.
9. Trick or treaters should dress appropriately for the weather and carry a flashlight.
10. For extra safety, organize a Halloween party for children in your neighborhood.

[Source](#)

**BCCPA 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Symposium takes place on November 5-7<sup>th</sup>, "Shaping the Conversation for Safe Communities" for more information, please go to [bccpa.org](http://bccpa.org)**



**Remembrance Day - Nov.11**

# **Block Watch News**

## **September, October & November 2015**

### **Back to School Speed Limits**

Starting September 7<sup>th</sup>, school zone limits go back into effect, **30km/h from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.**

### **Crime Prevention Week is November 1-7, 2015**

For more details, please click [here](#)

### **Apartment Security**

- Do not allow strangers access when entering or leaving.
- If keys are lost, consider changing locks.
- Avoid leaving doors unlocked or opening the door to strangers.
- Do not enter an elevator if you feel uncomfortable.
- Create inventories of valuables and cherished items.
- Be a good neighbor, report suspicious activity to police.
- Maintain confidentiality by using your first initial and last name on the lobby directories, doorbell, mailbox and phone directory.

[Source](#)

### **Halloween Pet Safety Tips**

- Keep your pets inside
- Don't feed chocolate and candy to pets
- Loud bangs panic some animals
- Make sure your pet has identification - a tag and a tattoo or microchip - in case your pet gets lost.
- Set off fireworks away from animals for their safety and yours.

[Source](#)

## **FireSmart Your Home and Property**

Individual homeowners and wider communities can take simple steps to reduce the impact of wildfire. The time to reduce the threat of wildfire is now, not when a fire is at your doorstep. Be proactive, be practical, and be Fire Smart.

Wildfires are unpredictable, but you can take steps to create defensible space around your home to reduce an approaching wildfire's volatility. Assess your home's structural and site hazards, and learn the steps you can take to reduce your home's susceptibility to fire.

[Source](#)

## **Safe Driving Tips for Teens**

**Set a good example:** Once your teen has passed the knowledge and vision tests, they'll get a class 7 learner's licence and can now get behind the wheel with a qualified supervisor.

**Gearing up:** The type of car your teen learns to drive on can make a big difference. It's best to learn on a vehicle that's a manageable size, has good visibility, an automatic transmission and as many safety features as possible.

**Test it out:** Practice driving as much as possible at different times of the day, in different weather and road conditions and in unfamiliar neighbourhoods.

**Call in the experts:** To help your teen gain as much driving experience as possible consider signing them up for lessons through a [professional driving school](#)

**Keep them safe:** Once your teen has passed their class 7 road test and can now drive without a supervisor, consider creating a [family contract](#)

[Source](#)

## **Crime Prevention Volunteer Training Day – November 5**

During the 2015 BCCPA Training Symposium, the Crime Prevention Volunteer Training Day (formerly the BCCPN Training Day) will be held to provide opportunities for volunteers to be updated on current trends and topics that impact the work they perform in their communities.

Registration and Agenda information can be found on the following information sheet: [2015 Crime Prevention Volunteer Training Day](#)

[Source](#)

## **Drive Safer this autumn**

- **When ice or snow hits:** Ice and snow can hit unexpectedly. Early in the season, make sure your tires are rated for the collision. You may be driving in and check your tire pressure regularly – pressure drops in cold weather and overinflated tires can reduce gripping.
- **Consider alternatives:** When heavy winter conditions arrive, consider alternatives to help you get to work safely – take transit, work from home or adjust your hours of work to avoid rush hour traffic.
- **If heavy rain hits:** Heavy rain can seriously reduce visibility and make road surfaces more difficult to stop on.

[Source](#)

## **Telephone Scam**

The RCMP is warning of fraudulent telephone calls in which the caller identifies themselves as an RCMP officer calling to collect fines or income taxes or a variety of other scam tactics. The callers inform the victims must pay immediately or will be arrested within 24 hours. In most cases, the number for RCMP National Headquarters General Inquiry's line – 613-993-7267 appears on the victim's call display.

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