

## CRIME PREVENTION

## TIPS FOR BUSINESSES

## HOW TO PREVENT YOUR BUSINESS FROM BECOMING A VICTIM OF CRIME

Crime prevention through Natural Surveillance are principles used to discourage crime and promote building security. Here are some ways to incorporate natural surveillance into your business environment.

- Always keep building entrances well-lit and provide a clear line of sight from both inside and outside.
- Eliminate potential hiding spots in and around your business.
- Avoid covering more than 15% of front window with signage.
- Use Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) to view areas without natural sight lines.
- Avoid blind spots inside your store by using see-through and/or shorter shelving.
- Get to know your neighbouring business owners and help each other by staying vigilant about observing your area. Report any suspicious activity.
- Use bollards in front of your business to prevent vehicles from jumping the curb.

