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Dear Community Partners

CRIME PREVENTION ADVISORY – PREVENTIVE MEASURES

1. With the coming school holidays and holiday season, it is expected that many people will be away on overseas trips. Commercial office premises may also be closed during the holiday season while year-end shopping activities will increase.
2. Police would therefore like to advise the public to take adequate crime prevention measures to avoid becoming victims of crime when they are away for their holidays or while shopping.

Owners Of The Premises

3. Members of the public are advised not to leave large amounts of cash or jewellery in their homes whilst away on holidays. Stop newspaper delivery for the period and do not leave notes outside the home to announce that you are away. Ask your trusted neighbours to help keep an eye on your premises and alert Police immediately should they spot anyone behaving suspiciously near your home. If your home is installed with a security alarm system, make sure it is activated and in working order before you leave your home.
4. Owners of commercial office premises should ensure that sufficient external lighting is switched on to light up the common corridors, staircases, compounds, yards and vulnerable points of entry. Do also secure premises using good quality locks and strong grilles to protect the doors and windows from tampering. For premises with CCTV and intruder alarm alerts, make sure that the system is turned on and in good working condition, including the recording equipment.
5. As owners of the premises, you should also consider the following crime prevention measures to enhance the security of your premises:
 - a) Install a CCTV system and a burglar alarm system that are linked to a central alarm monitoring station.
 - b) Do not leave large amount of cash and valuables in your premises. Expensive equipment should be kept in a room which is locked and secured.
 - c) Inform your nearest NPP or NPC, should your premises be vacant whilst you are away on holidays or overseas business trips.

Shoppers and Pedestrians

6. From Aug to mid Nov 2007, there were 50 cases of **snatch theft by motorcyclists**. Shoppers and pedestrians are thus advised to avoid carrying excessive cash, valuables or jewellery. Be alert to your surroundings, especially when walking along the road. Sling your handbag in front of you or clutch it under your arm, on the side further away from the road to prevent snatch theft from motorcycles. As far as possible, walk on the pavement on the side of the road that is facing oncoming traffic. If you suspect someone is following you, move to the nearest crowded area or call the Police for assistance.
7. The Police urge the public to make crime prevention a lifestyle habit. ***Low crime doesn't mean no crime*** and you have to play your part to minimise your chances of becoming a victim of crime by taking steps to safeguard your valuables and property.

8 If you have any information in helping us to solve any crime cases or wish to report suspicious person(s) loitering around your neighbourhood, please contact **Bukit Merah East Neighbourhood Police Centre** at telephone number at 1800 – 236 9999 or dial **Police hot-line 999**.

9 Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

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CRIME PREVENTION – A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY