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Dear Unit Owners/Tenants,

## **Crime Alert on Housebreaking and Theft**

### **Crime Case**

A spate of break-ins was reported in the months of January & February 2009 in the vicinity of Tanjong Pagar, Telok Ayer and Chinatown. The value of the items stolen from affected premises was substantial.

### **Common Modus Operandi**

2. In the cases reported, the housebreakers had forcefully entered the premises by tampering with the front roller shutters, back doors or glass windows. In some cases, culprit/s entered through a man-made hole from the ceiling. Items stolen included cash, liquor and office equipment such as projectors, printers and laptops.

### **Crime Prevention Measures**

3. We strongly urge owners and tenants to play an active role in securing and safe-guarding their premises by adopting the following crime prevention measures:

- Use multiple security features with solid and quality locks for doors to the unit. Do not rely on only one locking mechanism to secure your unit. If possible, install door gates and window grilles with additional padlock chain;
- False ceilings and ventilation openings should be grilled up/secured against intrusion;
- Expensive equipment should be kept in a cupboard, drawer or room which is locked and secured. Alternatively, use a cable lock to secure the equipment;
- Do not leave large amounts of cash overnight in your premises. If necessary, valuables and important items should be kept in a good quality safe that is embedded against the wall or to the floor to prevent the safe from being carted away; and
- Engage an alarm system company to install a proper burglar alarm system with CCTV, in your premises.

4. Please do not hesitate to contact Bukit Merah East NPC at **1800-2369999** or the police hotline at **“999”** if you have any crime information or require any police assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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