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Dear Shop House Occupants,

CRIME ALERT: MISCHIEF AT CHINATOWN SHOPHOUSES

Recently, a few cases of mischief had occurred at shop houses along Pagoda Street. The rear doors of the shop houses were tampered with and the door knobs were found damaged.

2 While nothing was stolen, such mischief cases could escalate into break-ins if shop house occupants do not adopt some form of security measures within the perimeters of their premises. Culprit(s) can employ different house-breaking tactics which can be categorized into the following;

- a _____ Forcing open roller shutters.
- b Tampering with doors/locks.
- c _____ Cutting chains, smashing glass panels.
- d Stealing the shop's safe.
- e Forcing open drawers and cash registers.

Crime Prevention Measures

3 To avoid being a victim of break-ins, you can adopt following crime prevention measures:

- a Perimeter and Physical Security
 - Use *close-shackle* locks and window grilles that are strong and of good quality. Locks should have dead-bolting features resistant to tampering.
 - Repair or replace any damaged locking systems at gates/doors/windows and conduct regular checks so that damages can be rectified early.
- b Safe-keep Cash and Expensive Items
 - Deposit daily earnings on the same day to avoid leaving a large amount of cash overnight in the premises.

- If it is not possible to deposit earnings on the same day, valuables or important items should be kept in a good quality safe either fixed to the wall or floor to prevent the safe from being carted away;

c Anti-Burglar Alarm Systems

- An effective alarm system supplements the physical security of the premises. It provides early warning (by means of siren, indicator, etc) to any unauthorised entry or attempt to enter any premises. It should be preferably linked to a Central Alarm Monitoring Station (CAMS) of a private security agency that provides 24-hour monitoring.
- All alarm systems and CCTVs should be maintained and tested on a regular basis to ensure continued effectiveness.

4 If you have any information pertaining to the above cases of mischief, or notice anyone appearing to be suspicious, please do not hesitate to contact **Bukit Merah East Neighbourhood Police Centre** at **1800-2369999** or dial **999** if urgent police assistance is required.

Yours faithfully,



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