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VicPD Issue Warning to Residents of Esquimalt and Vic West Area to Secure Patio Doors and Windows

Victoria BC – VicPD are urging residents of the Esquimalt and Vic West areas to secure ground-floor patios and windows after a surge in daytime break and enters.

Since the beginning of September, 21 homes have been entered through open windows and un-locked patio doors. The property being targeted is laptop computers, electronics and cash. These are all items that can be easily hidden and carried.

VicPD are encouraging homeowners to take an extra few minutes before leaving for the day to lock their doors and secure windows, especially those in the bathroom. If residents see anyone suspicious in their neighbourhood they should call police immediately.

VicPD have increased patrols in the area to combat the rise in thefts and are encouraging residents to get involved. Homeowners can greatly reduce the likelihood of being a victim of a break and enter by getting to know their neighbours or starting a Block Watch Program.

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