HOME SAFETY TIPS
• Lock all windows and doors.
• Windows provide criminals with a good look at your valuables, as well as an idea if anyone is home. Close window curtains/shades. This will help with privacy & act as a deterrent for burglars.
• Lock up ladders, trash cans, & other items that could be used to gain access to upper level windows or doors.
• Plant thick bushes/trees & keep your yard trimmed to reduce hiding spots. This also shows you care for your home.
• Install motion lights & yard lights to brighten up your property.
• Make a list of the make/model/serial number of your valuable items such as electronics, firearms, bicycles, etc. in case they are ever lost or stolen.

AUTO SAFETY TIPS
• Always lock your car and take your keys with you, even when away from it “for just a minute.”
• Don’t leave valuables in your car, even momentarily.
• Park in well-lit and well-traveled areas, if possible.
• If someone appears to be following you, drive to a well-lit & well-traveled area or to a nearby police station or store. If possible, take down the license plate information.

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS
• Always be aware of your surroundings & have a safety plan. Avoid distractions, such as wearing headphones and/or talking on the phone while walking alone.
• Avoid shortcuts, wooded areas, parking lots, or alleys. Stick to well-traveled, well-lit streets.
• Be aware of your personal belongings & avoid carrying too many items.
• If you choose to carry defensive devices, ensure that it is one that cannot be used to permanently harm you. Whistles, air horn devices, or pepper spray may be suitable alternatives.

Burlington is one of the safest cities in the country, but crime still happens here. Share these safety tips with your neighbors.
TOGETHER, WE CAN HELP MAKE BURLINGTON AN EVEN SAFER COMMUNITY.

Get to know your neighbors & local community members!

Ideas for fun neighborhood get-togethers:

- BLOCK PARTIES
- NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALES
- SUMMER BARBECUES
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

START YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY INITIATIVE TODAY!

BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1 NORTH AVENUE • BPDVT.ORG • 802-658-2700
MORE SAFETY TIPS: NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL • NCPC.ORG
EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911