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## **Crime Prevention Week 2009 – November 1 – 7** **Crime Prevention . . . a community responsibility**

*Burnaby, BC:* November 1 – 7 is Crime Prevention Week in BC. This year's theme - *Crime Prevention . . . a community responsibility* - was chosen to remind all citizens that they play a key role in preventing crime and in keeping their communities safe throughout the year.

Crime Prevention Week provides an opportunity to bring members of the community together to participate in events that promote and support crime prevention and safe neighborhoods. Since 1983, CP Week has been an annual event that runs nationally during the first week in November.

"People don't realize how much they can do to help prevent crime in their communities," says Kathryn Hardy, Manager of Communications for the BC Crime Prevention Association. "Public awareness and involvement are the keys to crime prevention. Crime Prevention Week gives communities an opportunity to come together to learn more about their role in keeping themselves, their streets and their schools safe."

Every day across the province, citizens are impacted by the effects of crime in our neighbourhoods. The BC Crime Prevention Association, in partnership with the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, are working to change this through a province-wide crime prevention campaign aimed at educating British Columbians about creating safer and healthier communities.

Crime prevention is a collaborative effort between police, government and citizens. CP Week organizers are hopeful people will take the time to learn about simple everyday crime prevention techniques that they can implement into both their everyday lives and their communities.

Events will take place in neighbourhoods across BC. To see a listing of events in your community, check your local newspaper.

Each day of Crime Prevention Week will focus on a specific topic:

- *November 1*                      Crime Prevention Resources
- *November 2*                      Importance of Reporting Crime
- *November 3*                      Boost Internet Safety Skills
- *November 4*                      Vulnerable Adults: Prevention of Abuse and Neglect
- *November 5*                      2010 Business Fraud Awareness
- *November 6*                      Dating and Relationship Violence
- *November 7*                      Home Security

To view the tip sheets or to learn more about Crime Prevention Week and other crime prevention programs, please visit: [www.bccpa.org/bccpa/crimepreventionweek.htm](http://www.bccpa.org/bccpa/crimepreventionweek.htm)

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The **BC Crime Prevention Association** is an integrated team of citizens and police, dedicated to preventing crime. We provide ongoing province-wide education and awareness through our community partnerships.

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