

Moving... Safely!



Moving day, what a busy day! Between the boxes and the masking tape, here are a few safety tips from Tandem, Montréal's support program for citizen action in urban security. You can adapt these tips to your own situation in order to ensure a safe move.

Before D day

- Is your apartment for rent? To avoid phony visitors, check your lease or get information from the Régie du logement on your rights concerning home visits and demand that an authorized person be present during visits, especially if you are going to be away.
- As soon as you have chosen your new home, locate the neighbourhood services where you might be able to get help in case of an emergency (phone booth, stores, medical clinic, dépanneur, etc.).
- Tell trusted neighbours the exact date that you will be leaving and let them know whether you will be using the services of a moving company or friends in

order to avoid phony movers showing up.

- Do not hesitate to meet your new neighbours (as well as the superintendant or the landlord) to inform them of the time you will be moving in, to ask them for information (on parking, garbage days, characteristics of your street, etc.) and check to see if they will be home when you move, so you know who you can count on if you need something.
- If you decide to use a moving company, make sure that it is legitimate and reliable before you agree to anything and always demand a written contract.
- While you pack your belongings, use this opportunity to engrave them and make an updated list of your valuables (an engraver may be borrowed free of charge from all Tandem Montréal offices).
- Objects that will not be packed in boxes (television, computer, microwave oven, etc.) should

be wrapped in towels or bed sheets to hide them from prying eyes.

During the move

- Ask people you trust to remain at both your new home and your former address in order to keep an eye on your property and help coordinate things.
- Never leave anything outside (on the balcony, in the driveway, in the car, truck or trailer, etc.) without surveillance.
- Move your valuables (jewellery, furs, works of art, money, etc.) yourself or leave them with someone you trust for a few days, even if you are moving other items with professionals.
- If you move by yourself or with friends, make sure that you are carrying everything in a safe manner:
 - Do not overload the truck, trailer or car;
 - Maintain good visibility;
 - Fasten everything to keep objects from

falling during the move;

- Keep plastic sheets handy in case of rain.

After the move

- Change the lock or the lock's barrel as soon as possible.
- Give the landlord or someone you trust a key to your home.
- Recycle or destroy boxes that came with your valuables to avoid showing everyone what you own.
- Use only your initials or the word «occupied» on your mailbox (or next to the intercom) and if needed, have a peephole installed for your front door.
- Change the batteries in your smoke detector and check it regularly.
- To add to your peace of mind, have a Tandem Montréal counsellor do a free security evaluation of your new home.

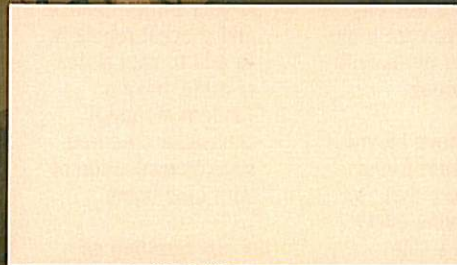
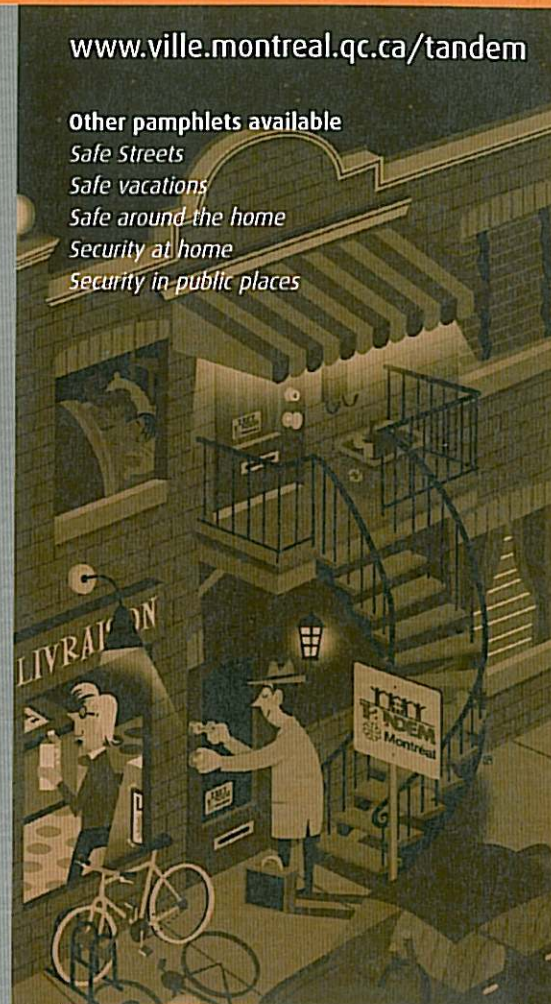
For any question on prevention, contact your local Tandem office.

In case of emergency or if you notice something suspicious, phone 9-1-1.

www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/tandem

Other pamphlets available

- Safe Streets*
- Safe vacations*
- Safe around the home*
- Security at home*
- Security in public places*



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