## Recent Crime Statistics on Home Break-ins in Peel Region



**Peel Police provide an online site for reporting crime statistics** (click on link below) that occur across the Peel Region. They collect data on nine different types of reported crimes. Their "Crime Mapping Application' provides a valuable tool to "visualize and analyze crime incident patterns within the Region of Peel and to be aware of recent incidents within and around our community."

The Peel Police state that the reported crimes on their website are not official statistics as they do not represent the full extent of crime activity in the region since it only captures reported crimes. They also note that their "data is preliminary, unaudited and subject to revision."

Below is a summary of **home break-ins** reported across the Peel Region that are specific to the city of Mississauga, Ward 6 and Hazel Heights community between 2022 and 2025 (Jan 1 to Mar 22nd). Our neighbourhood is part of Ward 6 and you can use the Crime Mapping Tool to count the number of crimes reported within the boundaries of Hazel Heights. Break-ins are

## Crimes

OccType



A ASL Assault



BNE Break/Enter



DRP Drug Poss.



DRT Drug Traff.



FRA Fraud



HOM



MIS Mischief



ROB Robbery



VEH Veh Theft

HOME BREAK-INS Reported in Peel Region 2022-2025				
Crime	Peel Region	Mississauga	Ward 6 Mississauga	Hazel Heights
2022	2241	927	96	5
2023	2842	1517	138	11
2024	2848	1624	141	5
2025 Jan 1-Mar 22	496	262	25	No crimes displayed at this time

Source: Peel Police Crime Statistics and Crime Mapping Application

## How to Prevent Home Break-ins

Residents of Peel experience, on average, about seven residential break-ins per day according to Peel Police. Crime experts indicated that burglars typically target certain properties with the following characteristics to increase their chances of breaking-in without getting caught:

- Corner Lots
- Homes that are near open spaces such as a ravine or park
- Poorly lit homes
- Property that does not seem to be maintained or "lived-in"
- Homes that leave their garage door open or vehicles unlocked

The Peel Police Mapping Tool also shows that **hot spots for home-break ins change over time** and that this type of crime occurs in different types of residential and commercial buildings such as homes, apartments, outdoor sheds offices, restaurants and gas stations. **Home break-ins can be opportunistic while others are well planned** and may include a team of people who monitor the neighbourhood first to determine vulnerable targets and residents movements. Break-ins often during the day when homeowners are away either at work or busy outside their homes. Criminals often enter through the least secuire and/or least conspicuous part of the home - front or side doors, sliding back doors and windows.

<u>Most burglaries take place in only 8-12 minutes</u> and many take place during the day when burglars assume residents are at work and their children are out or at school. When a house is broken into, burglars typically have a vehicle close by to escape quickly.

Take a moment to visit our <u>HHRA website</u> and click on these resources posted on the site to learn more about what you can do to prevent home break-ins!



Suggestions for Home Security



Video and Safety Tips on Protecting Yourself & Your Property

Some Recent Articles on Home Break-Ins & Home Security:

<u>January 10, 2025 - NSSAUGA 40 Reported Break & Entry Break Ins in the first 10 days in Mississauga & Brampton</u>

<u>March 8, 2025 - NSSAUGA Local News: 186 break-and-enters over 31 days in Mississauga and Brampton,</u>
<u>Ontario</u>

RCMP Home Security Tips - 2024

March 19, 2024 - Are Home invasions rising in Canada, How to Protect Yourself, Global News,