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## Caring for an aging Parent or Loved One?

### Did you know?

NEXGEN Controls offers a **Health Check System** that will email you every morning and tell you if your Parent/Loved One is out of bed, opened the medicine cabinet, been in the kitchen and more! This system allows you to watch over your Parent/Loved One without your Parent/Loved One feeling like they can't care for themselves.

For more information visit [www.nexgencontrols.com/resources.html](http://www.nexgencontrols.com/resources.html) and click on the Health Check System link.

## Free 70 Point Home Safety Inspection.

Simply call to make your appointment for your free no obligation 70 point Home Safety Inspection. You will receive a report detailing any issues that may need your attention. Most fixes are do-it-yourself and inexpensive.



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## Home Safety Tips

### Around the house, At night and While out.

#### Around the house

- Maintain shrubs and hedges to prevent lines of sight from being obstructed. Hedges should be no more than 3 feet in height and trees should have limbs no lower than 10 feet. This allows for clear sight of the house, doors and windows.
- Keep your garage door closed unless you are accessing the garage. Most thefts occur as a result of opportunity, an open garage door gives a view to what is inside and an open opportunity to quickly run in and get it.
- If you are in the back yard, lock the front door. Many people have had laptops, wallets and purses stolen while in their back yard because the front door was unlocked and the thief simply walked in and took what they wanted.
- Change the combination to your garage door key pad often. Button wear and dirt on the buttons provide clues to your access code.

#### At night

- Make sure all your doors and windows are locked. If you leave a window open for ventilation install a stop that restricts the window from opening any more than 10cm.

#### While out

- Double check that all doors and windows are locked before you leave the house. 40% of all break-in's happen without the use of force to gain entry.
- Lock all gates around the house. And lock any ladders you may store in the back yard. Thieves have been known to use a home owners ladder to gain access to an open second story window.
- Never leave the garage door open when you leave, even if you will only be gone a short time and always lock the entrance door from the garage to the house. This door is often overlooked and provides a thief easy access into your home.



## TAX SCAM ALERT

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is warning taxpayers to beware of a recent scam where some Canadians are receiving a letter fraudulently identified as coming from the CRA and asking for personal information. The letter is **not** from the CRA. A PDF version of the letter is available on the CRA Web site at [www.cra.gc.ca/alert](http://www.cra.gc.ca/alert).

The letter claims that there is "insufficient information" for the individual's tax return and that in order to receive any "claims," they will have to update their records. The letter attaches a form specifically requesting the individual's personal information in writing, via fax or email, including information on bank accounts and passports. This letter is not from the CRA and Canadians should not provide their personal information to the sender.

## THREE POPULAR SCAMS TO BE AWARE OF

### Foreign money offers

Victims are usually contacted by email or fax by someone purporting to be an foreign country government official or wealthy businessman, who claims to need help transferring a large sum of money from one country to another. In return for providing your bank account as a haven for the money, you're told you'll be given a hefty commission.

However, once the fraudsters have got hold of your bank account details, and persuaded you to part with other sensitive financial information, they'll do their best to clean out your account. Alternatively, they may ask you to provide some cash in advance to pay a "transfer fee" – money you'll never see again.

Top tip: Don't reply to emails from strangers.

### Mobile phone scams

It's increasingly common to receive text messages telling you that you've won a prize, and all you need to do is reply to the text or call a certain number to claim it. However, these texts and calls are often premium rate and will cost you a hefty sum per minute or a hefty sum per text.

Another recent trick is executed by calling people's phones from odd appearing numbers, and hanging up immediately. The phone owner sees the missed call, and because they don't recognize the number, they call it back. However, these numbers are actually personal forwarding numbers, and can be charged at several dollars a minute if you call them back from a mobile.

Top tip: If you don't recognize a missed-call number on your phone, don't call it back. If it's important, they'll leave a message.

### Foreign lotteries

These tend to work by sending out letters claiming that you've won a lottery overseas and that you merely need to send an administration fee to receive your prize. The amount for the administration fee varies.

Alternatively, you may be asked to call a telephone number beginning to claim your prize, but these will charge you hefty fee's a minute and will keep you hanging on the line for hours at a time. If you ever get through and are sent a prize, it will be worth much less than you spent on your phone call. More often, victims walk away with nothing.

Top tip: If you didn't enter the lottery you can't be a winner. If you've really won a prize, you shouldn't have to pay any administration fee to claim it.

**REMEMBER, IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT IS!**



## SAVING THE PLANET ONE HOME AT A TIME.

Affordable easy-to-use home-control solutions help you conserve energy by managing lighting and temperature, saving you money while saving the environment.

By using Dimmers, Timers and Occupancy Sensors a typical 3 bedroom home will eliminate over 850 pounds of CO2 emissions each year...That is the equivalent of not driving your car for a month.

On average with our systems you will experience household savings of up to 20% on your energy bills

Enjoy automated advanced energy management solution that saves you money automatically.

### Advanced Temperature Control

Simple, convenient control over the comfort of your home lets you be environmentally conscious, too. Not only can you program your thermostat to know when you're home and when you're out, but if your schedule changes, a keypad near your front door automatically signals to your house that you're leaving and adjusts the temperature accordingly.

If you decide to come home early, remote access allows you to adjust your heating or air conditioning so your house is comfortable by the time you arrive. You can even automate your shades to open and close with the sunlight, reducing the work that your climate control system has to do; thereby saving even more energy.

### Smart Lighting

Despite our best intentions, we all waste electricity by leaving the lights on. In fact, lighting accounts for 20% of all electricity consumed, and 50% of that is wasted with inefficient light sources or in unoccupied rooms.

The good news is that NEXGEN Controls can automate your lights so they come on when you need them and go off when you don't. Outdoor lighting can be controlled through motion sensors only to come on when you need them, or programmed to come on at sunset for the safety and security of your home and family. Indoor lighting can use sensors to automatically turn off when no one is in the room.

Dimmers are another great way to save energy. Dimming your lights by 25% (hardly noticeable to the human eye), reduces electricity consumption by 20% and quadruples the life of your bulbs. Ambient light sensors allow your system to automatically adjust the lighting levels on your dimmer so you never use more light than you need, but always have enough.

### Peace of Mind

Even your security system can be integrated into the rest of your automated home. When you're heading out the door, simply push a button and you can not only arm your alarm, but turn off your lights, reset your thermostat, and shut down all AV gear and other electronic devices. With the 4Sight Internet Services your system can even email you in the event of a water leak, fire or other security event. With access through touch panels, TV screens or remotely via the Internet, you can control your home and have true peace of mind, whether you're in the next room or on the other side of the world.

For more information please visit our website [www.nexgencontrols.com](http://www.nexgencontrols.com) or call for your free no obligation consultation at 1.888.899.9106

### NEXGEN IN THE COMMUNITY

NEXGEN Controls inc recently helped support the Windsor Roseland Rotary club by donating a 32" LCD TV as a silent auction item to help raise money for Windsor Roseland Rotary's group of local charities. NEXGEN Controls would like to congratulate Joe McParland on his winning bid for the LCD TV.

NEXGEN Controls Inc. would like to announce that for every Rotary member that transfers their alarm monitoring services to NEXGEN, NEXGEN will donate one months monitoring fees, \$19.99 annually to the Rotary Foundation Fund on the Rotary Members behalf.

