

## THIEVES 'TAKING ADVANTAGE' OF UNLOCKED VEHICLES

Halton regional police has a simple message for residents in Milton and Halton Hills: Lock it or Lose it.

That HRP slogan has been used in the past, but this year, investigators

from the criminal investigations bureau have found 94 per cent of targeted vehicles were left unlocked this year.

In the small number of thefts where vehicle doors were pried open or win-

dows smashed, items of value were left in plain sight.

To illustrate the importance of locking doors and removing valuables, this video of actual thefts that occurred in District 1

shows that suspects are seen moving on quickly from vehicles with locked doors, while taking quick advantage of unlocked cars and trucks

"We really want to ensure our residents are

aware of just how important it is to lock your vehicle.

It is a huge crime deterrent and an effective way to protect your property," says District 1 Supt. Al Albano.

HRPS reminds residents to:

- Always park in well-lit

areas

- Never leave valuables in plain sight

- Ensure your vehicle doors are always locked

- Always roll up vehicle windows

- Take electronics with you

- Never leave vehicle running and unattended

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## 10 ways to enjoy the races

Tired of going to the same old restaurant or pub? If you're looking for something different to do this weekend, Woodbine Mohawk Park (WMP) is a hidden gem in Campbellville, Ont., with everything from scratch cuisine to live entertainment in the form of harness racing. Here are a few reasons why you can enjoy a night at the races, even if you don't know a thing about horses.

**1. All-you-can-eat gourmet buffets.** Race tracks are known for their buffets. At Mohawk Park, chefs take it up a notch with gourmet cuisine, local ingredients and inspired seasonal recipes — all trackside, so you can watch the action. There's an Italian buffet every Friday (kids eat for half price) and a prime rib buffet on Saturdays.

**2. Scratch cooking and locally sourced foods.** Woodbine Entertainment is recognized as a world leader for its culinary offerings at both of its racetracks (Mohawk Park and Woodbine Racetrack). Everything is made from scratch, from mayonnaise to salami to

freshly baked cookies. Meats and vegetables are sourced locally, and both the buffet and a la carte menu options vary with the seasons.

**3. You could win money.** You don't need to be an expert to make a few bets. Customer service reps are available to teach you the basics and help you place a bet on a race, with easy-to-use kiosks. And there's no need to bet big money — you can bet as little as 20 cents — and you might even win a few bucks while you're at it.

**4. An amazing patio.** At WMP, the expansive patio extends right up to the racetrack, so you're in the heart of the action while enjoying the great outdoors. You'd be hard pressed to find a better summer patio anywhere in the GTHA. Plus, there's plenty of seating available, and once you get a table, it's yours for the rest of the evening.

**5. Spectacular fireworks.** Whether it's the Victoria Day, Civic Holiday or Family Day long weekend, the fireworks at WMP are second to none. Aside from a spectacular fireworks display, there's plenty of space for everyone, so

you don't have to show up early to claim a spot or fight the crowds. But you may want to show up early anyway, because there's plenty of fun to be had — from harness racing to kids' zones and food trucks.

**6. Watch the best standardbreds in North America.** Even if you don't know anything about horse racing, it's easy to appreciate the sheer athleticism of a racehorse, and every year, WMP hosts many of harness racing's most prestigious races. This year, it's hosting the \$6 million Breeders Crown, where you can see the best of the best in harness racing.

**7. Fun at the casino.** After watching a few races, walk over to Elements Casino for a night of top-tier gaming and entertainment, such as live table games, electronic table games, stadium games and slot machines — making for a fun night out with friends.

**8. Family fun.** While you might not think of bringing kids to the racetrack, WMP is perfect for family outings. Kids get to see the horses up close (sometimes there's an opportunity to



Woodbine Mohawk Park (WMP) offers everything from scratch cuisine to harness racing.

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pet a retired racehorse) and they can even sign up for sulky rides around the track. Woodbine Entertainment also hosts family days with kids' zones, food trucks and live entertainment.

**9. It's affordable.** With free parking and free admission, you can stay as long as you please and spend as much (or as little) as you want, whether it's on hot dogs or a gourmet meal in one of the on-site restaurants.

**10. Holiday fun.** The weather may have cooled off, but December is filled with live winter racing and holiday activities at Woodbine, including sleigh rides, arts and crafts, holiday workshops and live entertainment — ideal for the whole family.