

# Better watch that credit card

Credit cards are generally accepted and widely used by Canadians. One of the responsibilities that goes with having a credit card is to ensure that it does not fall into the wrong hands.

If your card is lost or stolen, that can be a costly and inconvenient experience. The following rules could help.

1. Never leave your cards unattended at work. There are more credit card thefts in the workplace than in any other single location.
2. Don't lend your card. Remember, you are responsible for your card's use. And it's sad but true that some credit card misuse can be traced directly to family and friends.
3. Don't leave your credit cards in your car's glove compartment. An alarmingly high proportion of all credit card thefts are from car glove compartments.
4. Don't leave your cards in your hotel room; not even in a suitcase. Carry your cards with you when you travel. When you can't, for instance at the beach, put them in the hotel safe.
5. Always check your card when it's returned to you in a store or restaurant. It's easy for you to forget your card when you're in a hurry. It's easy for waiters or sales-

people to give you the wrong card when they're in a hurry.

6. Report a lost or stolen card to the issuing company immediately. Most fraudulent use of cards takes place within days of their being lost or stolen.

7. Sign the back of a new card as soon as you get it. If you don't, a thief could sign it and use it. And remember to destroy unwanted cards so no one can use them.

8. Make a comprehensive list of all your cards and their numbers. This is key information you'll need to report lost or stolen cards. You'll also need the phone number to call, and your card's expiry date. So list these too.

9. Always check your monthly statement. Keep your card slips, and check them off against your monthly statement to make sure no one else has used your card.

10. Never give your card number over the

phone unless you are dealing with a company you know is reputable. No one from a reputable company will phone you and ask for your card number. The only time you

should give it is when you have called to place an order.

Remember to treat your credit cards like cash.

## Stale medicine


We all know what happens to milk if it's left in the refrigerator too long. It goes sour. To warn us against this, an expiry date is printed on the carton. The same idea applies for most medicines because they're not intended to last forever.

Your pharmacist will always dispense medications at their peak of effectiveness. For some medications, such as antibiotics, potency deteriorates fairly quickly so the pharmacist will mark the expiry date right

on the prescription label. This also explains why patients are sometimes required to have prescriptions filled frequently.


Always remember your prescription is given to you alone as a treatment for a specific problem at a specific time. If you don't use it up completely, safely dispose of the rest. It should never be given to another person and never saved for another time because the medication's composition may change.

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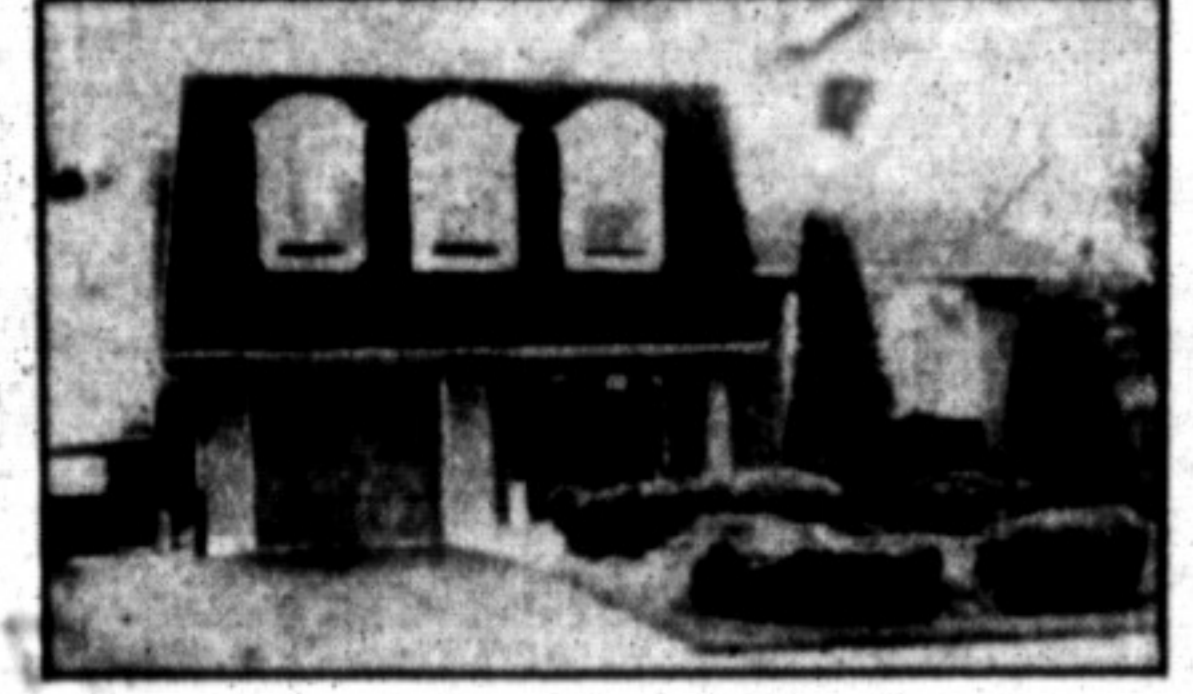
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