

CRIME PREVENTION

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NEWSLETTER



Do I have to call the Police when I've been in an accident?

You don't always have to call the Police, but there are key situations in which you're required to make a Police report like when:

- there has been a death or someone has been taken to the hospital by ambulance;
- it was a hit-and-run accident;
- someone broke into or vandalized your vehicle; or
- your vehicle was stolen.

In addition, a good rule of thumb is to call the Police if you think the damage to your vehicle looks like it may be more than \$1,000 (or \$600 for a motorcycle and \$100 for a bicycle).

If the Police don't come to the accident scene, your Dial-a-Claim adjuster will let you know if you have to get a Police Report.



What to do after a crash

Step one

- If anyone's injured, call 9-1-1.
- Move the vehicles off the road if it's safe to do so.
- Avoid discussing who's at fault for the crash.

Step two

Get details.* Record the following for all the vehicles and drivers involved in the crash:

- driver's name, driver's licence number, province/state and contact info;
- licence plate and year, make and model of vehicle;
- insurance details if the vehicle isn't from BC.

* You may also need to provide this information to the police.

Step three

See if there were any witnesses. Record their names and contact information.

Step four

Describe the crash scene (if possible take photos or use the diagram on the back):

- What was the time, date and weather conditions?
- What was the location?
- What direction were you both travelling?
- Where was your vehicle and what lane were you using?
- Where was the other vehicle?

Step five

Our Dial-a-Claim staff are here to help you 24/7:

604-520-8222 in the Lower Mainland

1-800-910-4222 anywhere in Canada or the U.S.

Translation services available.

Yielding to an Emergency Vehicle

"Fail to Yield for Emergency Vehicle" – BC Motor Vehicle Act, Section 177 if charged may result in three driver penalty points and a \$109.00 fine.

For the most part, Richmond residents are alert and know what to do when a police car, ambulance or fire truck in full Code Three mode comes up behind them—pull over to the closest side of the road giving the emergency vehicle plenty of room to get by.

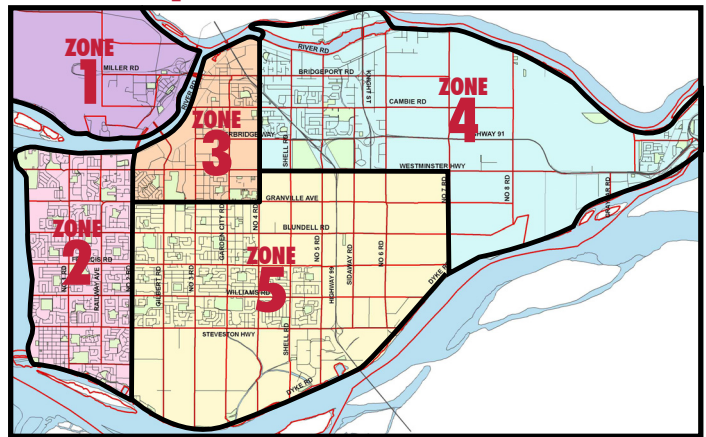
If an emergency vehicle, police, fire or ambulance, with siren and flashing lights approaches, drivers must yield the right-of-way and **IMMEDIATELY** drive to a position parallel to and as close as possible to the nearest edge of the roadway clear of an intersection, **STOP**, and **REMAIN STOPPED** until the emergency vehicle has passed. This includes drivers on **BOTH SIDES OF THE ROADWAY** regardless how many lanes wide the road might be.

Fire apparatus have a special privilege granted to no other emergency vehicle in British Columbia. You must not follow them within 150 metres or 500 feet unless you are also driving an emergency vehicle. Fire apparatus are not as nimble as other vehicles. Following at the proper distance leaves room for sudden stops, turns and unexpected lane changes. Following too closely could cause a collision preventing the fire truck from reaching the emergency.

Richmond Residential Break and Enters

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Jan 2015	0	40	10	7	31
Jan 2014	3	25	14	4	39
Feb 2015	0	16	13	9	31
Feb 2014	0	19	18	14	20
Mar 2015	0	7	17	14	25
Mar 2014	1	20	16	10	26
Apr 2015	0	15	13	1	22
Apr 2014	0	11	10	4	22
May 2015	1	10	16	8	32
May 2014	0	27	15	2	23
Jun 2015	0	19	10	6	28
Jun 2014	0	16	5	7	22
Jul 2014	0	23	9	5	33
Jul 2013	0	13	14	8	28
Aug 2014	0	25	12	3	38
Aug 2013	0	12	10	2	23
Sep 2014	0	43	21	5	33
Sep 2013	0	8	16	8	15
Oct 2014	0	19	10	11	39
Oct 2013	0	30	18	3	16
Nov 2014	0	47	22	9	51
Nov 2013	0	11	24	4	18
Dec 2014	0	53	7	10	74
Dec 2013	3	12	18	2	14

Zone Map



The above map outlines the five zones in Richmond. The chart to the left provides details on the number of Residential B&Es that have occurred in each zone.

Visit www.richmond.ca/crime for neighbourhood crime information and www.richmond.ca/homesafety for home security tips.

If your home has been broken into, do not touch anything. If a suspect is present, call 9-1-1. If no suspect is present, call the Police non-emergency number at 604-278-1212.

Report all suspicious or criminal activity to the police.

Point of Entry Breakdown (June 2015)

Zone 1	0 break and enters
Zone 2	19 break and enters 8 thru doors, 1 thru unlocked door, 3 thru windows, 2 thru unlocked window, 5 other points of entry
Zone 3	10 break and enters 3 thru doors, 1 thru unlocked door, 1 thru window, 1 thru unlocked window, 2 thru unlocked sliding door, 2 other points of entry
Zone 4	6 break and enters 1 thru door, 2 thru windows, 2 thru unlocked windows, 1 thru sliding door
Zone 5	28 break and enters 14 thru doors, 1 thru unlocked door, 6 thru windows, 2 thru unlocked window, 2 thru sliding doors, 1 thru unlocked sliding door, 2 other points of entry



Email Break & Enter Alerts

Email your name and street address to: blockwatch@richmond.ca to receive an email alert should a residential break and enter occur in your neighbourhood.

