

# CRIME PREVENTION

**WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME****NEWSLETTER**

## Prevent Theft from Vehicles

It takes less than a minute for a thief to break your car window and snatch the iPod, laptop, or purse on the front seat. Here are some tips to aid in preventing that from happening:

1. Do NOT leave anything in your vehicle. Even loose change is a target for thieves.
2. Lock all valuables in the trunk. Thieves want a quick smash and grab and are less likely to look in the trunk.
3. After you have put your items in the trunk don't forget such telltale evidence as power plugs, MP3 adapters, and navigation system windshield suction-cup mounts. Thieves know what they are looking for so hide the electronic accessories too.
4. Don't make your car a target. Park in well-lit and busy areas. When home, park in the garage if you have one.
5. ALWAYS lock your vehicle and roll up the windows.
6. Never leave your keys unattended – and never leave spare keys in your vehicle.
7. Never leave your wallet / personal ID (such as driver's license, passport, SIN card, Birth Certificate) in your vehicle. Stolen ID can be used in identity theft.
8. Don't leave the remote / garage door opener in your vehicle. It can be used to break into your garage/home.
9. Install a car alarm /anti-theft device. Thieves don't want to draw attention to themselves.
10. If you have gated parking, wait for the gate to close behind you.

## What to do if your vehicle has been broken into:

1. File a Police report.
2. Call your insurance company.
3. Cancel credit cards and replace ID immediately.
4. Have your vehicle repaired / fix broken glass.
5. Record a list of items taken (including serial numbers).

## Call to Action

On 29th December, Richmond residents were reminded that we live in an active earthquake area. The 4.7 magnitude earthquake took place at 11:39 p.m., waking many people up. The epicentre was approximately 8 km north of Sidney or about 19 km northeast of Victoria. Although there were no reports of damage or serious injury, 911 was flooded with calls from residents and visitors looking for information and direction on what to do.

Well what should you do?

- Every year during ShakeOutBC, practice DROP, COVER and HOLD ON, actions you should take during an earthquake.
- Keep a pair of sturdy shoes at your bedside or under your bed so you have protection for your feet after an earthquake from broken glass and other fallen debris.
- Be prepared to do a quick damage assessment of your home to ensure it is safe to stay inside.
- Be prepared to evacuate if needed, have your grab-n-go kit and emergency plan up to date and ready to go.
- Sign up for emergency notifications at [RichmondBCAlert.ca](http://RichmondBCAlert.ca)
- Don't call 911 unless it is for a life threatening emergency.

Where do you go for information after an emergency? The local radio or television will provide you with information. Any official instruction from the City will be available through the media (i.e. press releases, [www.richmond.ca](http://www.richmond.ca), RichmondBCAlert, radio, television, social media, etc.).

Emergency Programs is releasing a series of dates for FREE Emergency Preparedness Workshops for residents to learn about the local hazards, how to make a plan, how to make a kit and information on what to do before, during and after an emergency. Watch for ads in the local newspapers for the workshops and register early to get a seat.

Want more information? Check out our website at [www.richmond.ca/emergency](http://www.richmond.ca/emergency)

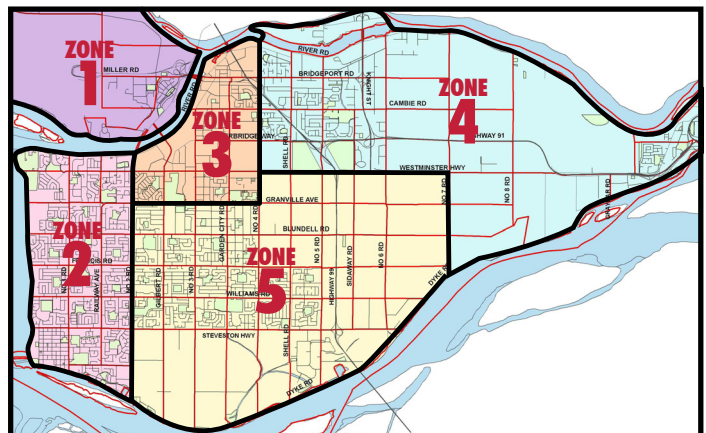
**Neighbourhood Small Grants** is a unique program that helps build community and strengthen connections right where people live – in their neighbourhoods. The program supports ordinary residents – like you! – who have small but powerful ideas to bring people together and make their community vibrant. Through the support of a small grant (from \$50–\$1000), residents are able to tap into their creativity and leadership skills to develop projects that benefit the community.

Applications will be open from February 15 to April 4, 2016. For more information, please visit: [www.neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca](http://www.neighbourhoodsmallgrants.ca)

## 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 2015	0	7	5	2	26
Jul 2014	0	23	9	5	33
Aug 2015	0	6	19	4	20
Aug 2014	0	25	12	3	38
Sep 2015	0	9	17	4	13
Sep 2014	0	43	21	5	33
Oct 2015	1	6	14	6	23
Oct 2014	0	19	10	11	39
Nov 2015	0	10	9	3	26
Nov 2014	0	47	22	9	51
Dec 2015	1	6	16	5	27
Dec 2014	0	53	7	10	74

## 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](http://www.richmond.ca/crime) for neighbourhood crime information and [www.richmond.ca/homesafety](http://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 (Dec. 2015)

<b>Zone 1</b>	1 break and enter	Thru a window
<b>Zone 2</b>	6 break and enters	1 thru a door, 3 thru windows, 2 thru sliding doors
<b>Zone 3</b>	16 break and enters	6 thru doors, 2 thru unlocked doors, 2 thru windows, 1 thru sliding door, 5 other points of entry
<b>Zone 4</b>	5 break and enters	2 thru doors, 1 thru unlocked door, 1 thru window, 1 thru an unlocked window
<b>Zone 5</b>	27 break and enters	13 thru doors, 5 thru unlocked doors, 3 thru windows, 1 thru an unlocked window, 4 thru sliding doors, 1 other point of entry



## Email Break & Enter Alerts

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

