

CRIME PREVENTION

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME
NEWSLETTER


Why call the Police?

Many crimes are not reported because the victims think the Police can't help. Your observations are a vital part of reducing and preventing crime in our community. Stolen bicycles, vandalism, theft from vehicles and suspected drug dealing are all examples of crimes that are often not reported to Police. Reported incidents are added to Police computer databases which are reviewed by a Crime Analyst. This information shows emerging crime trends and localized crime hot spots. Police resources are then focused on these areas.

Police priorities are set in part as a response to information received from the public. Your observations and input increase the effectiveness of your Police Service. Trust your instincts. If you observe suspicious or criminal activity in your neighbourhood, call the Police. We will respond, investigate and document your report. It takes the Police and public working together to make *Safe Homes and Safe Communities*. By reporting suspicious incidents and criminal activity, you help reduce and prevent crime in our community.

Constable Greg Reimer
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 Crime Prevention Unit

9-1-1 misdials

A 9-1-1 misdial is when you accidentally call 9-1-1 and hang up. To ensure your safety, the 9-1-1 operator must call you back. Although it may be your instinct to hang up, this is actually the **WRONG** thing to do. You will not be in trouble if you misdial 9-1-1. You must stay on the line so the operator can ask you several questions to confirm your safety.

What to do when you accidentally dial 9-1-1:

1. Don't Hang Up!
2. Stay on the line.
3. Let the 9-1-1 operator know you misdialled and that you are safe.
4. If you cannot speak English, simply say your language (i.e. Mandarin, Punjabi, etc.) and a translator will assist you.

If you hang up on a misdialed 9-1-1 call in the City of Richmond:

- A Police Officer is obligated to attend and investigate your call.
- Once the Officer is satisfied that everyone is safe and confirms the call was accidental, the Officer will then complete an incident report outlining the circumstances.

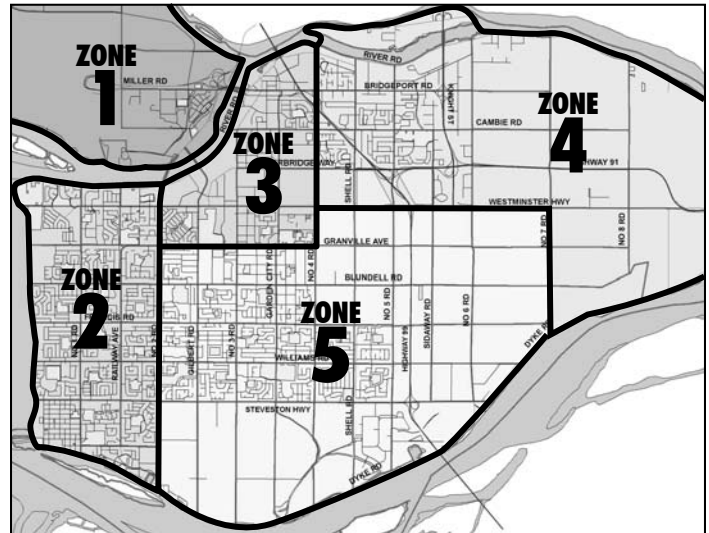
A Crime of Opportunity

A woman was out driving and felt something wrong with one of her tires. She pulled over to put some air in her tires. She saw that her tire had been slashed. She called a friend for help. They opened her trunk to get supplies. She had placed her purse inside the trunk and left the trunk lid open. A man grabbed the purse and ran. Please remember to always secure your personal belongings.

Richmond Residential Break and Enters January–June 2009, 2010 and 2011

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Jan 2009	1	12	16	11	28
Jan 2010	0	10	36	16	41
Jan 2011	0	26	23	9	32
Feb 2009	0	11	10	8	18
Feb 2010	0	10	14	5	20
Feb 2011	0	8	6	3	29
Mar 2009	0	4	8	7	9
Mar 2010	0	7	12	5	10
Mar 2011	0	13	7	8	29
Apr 2009	1	3	4	6	19
Apr 2010	0	12	16	1	13
Apr 2011	0	13	4	5	18
May 2009	0	7	2	1	9
May 2010	0	6	10	3	10
May 2011	0	4	6	7	14
Jun 2009	0	5	4	1	11
Jun 2010	0	6	3	1	10
Jun 2011	0	9	6	3	13

Crime Zone Map



Neighbourhood Crime Information Online

Please visit www.richmond.ca/crime for neighbourhood crime information. Using the online map, click on one of the coloured areas to display a larger map of the neighbourhood. Then click again on the individual neighbourhoods to view the criminal activity that has occurred in that neighbourhood. Scroll down under the map and click on the words “Residential Break and Enter” and then click on the different areas of the house to learn how to increase your home’s security. Click on “Theft from Motor Vehicle” for anti-theft information and parking safety.

Most Common Point of Entry: Doors

Use good quality deadbolts with 1 1/2 inch throw (the throw is the part that extends into the door frame when locked) on all exterior doors (including the door from the garage).



Royal Canadian Mounted Police



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.