

# CRIME PREVENTION

**WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT CRIME**

**NEWSLETTER**



## Commonly Stolen Items

The above photo shows items stolen from a Richmond home. Some of these items will go unclaimed as they are not engraved with the owners BCDL# (BC drivers licence number). Protect your property, engrave your possessions. You can borrow an engraver from one of the three Community Police Stations. Also record the make, model and serial number of your electronics. If your home is broken into, having your possessions engraved and the recorded information available may help to recover your stolen goods.

## Home Security Tips

### Doors:

Install a deadbolt with a 1 inch throw (the part that extends into the door frame) on all exterior doors.

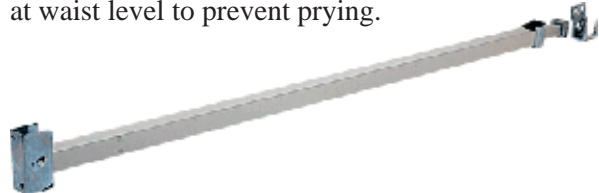
Install a door reinforcer (a U-shaped metal sleeve that fits under the door handle and deadbolt) for additional support.



### Sliding Glass Doors:

If your sliding door opens on the inside of the frame, install a wooden stick in the bottom of the frame to prevent prying.

If your sliding door opens on the outside of the frame, install a patio locking bar (available at all home improvement stores) at waist level to prevent prying.



## Be a Safe Pedestrian

### Be visible

- Reflective armbands help pedestrians be seen at night.
- Wear reflective armbands on your arm, handbag or backpack to increase your visibility out in the dark.

### Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Remove your headphones: don't use your cell phone or other electronics when crossing the street. Focus your full attention on what's happening around you.
- Make eye contact with drivers. Never assume the driver can see you.
- Always be cautious and pay attention to traffic. Drivers may not always stop or obey traffic signals.
- Dress to be seen: wear bright or light coloured clothing. In bad weather or in the dark, wear reflective clothing.

### Street Crossing Safety Tips

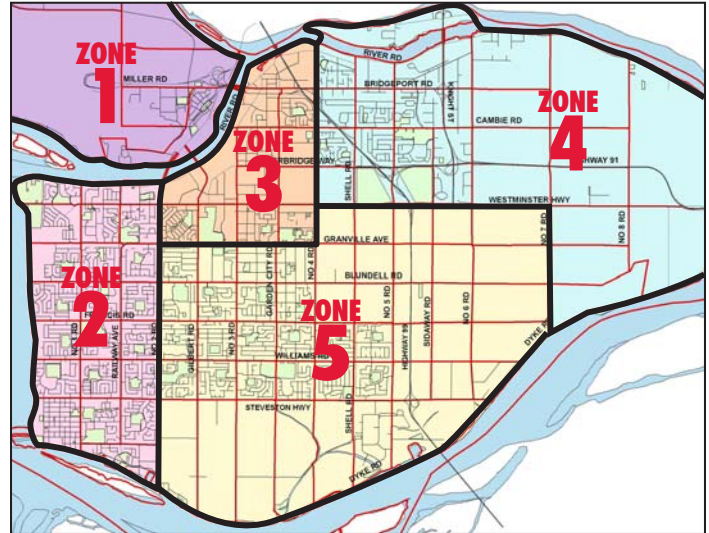
- Look in all directions before crossing the street.
- Check vehicles have stopped before you step off the curb.
- Use crosswalks wherever possible. Do not cross on the "do not walk" signal.

Please visit a Community Police Station for a free reflective armband (while supplies last).

# Richmond Residential Break and Enters July–September 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012

	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
<b>July 2009</b>	1	9	7	2	11
<b>July 2010</b>	0	19	1	1	24
<b>July 2011</b>	0	11	10	8	18
<b>Jul 2012</b>	0	14	4	2	22
<b>Aug. 2009</b>	0	10	10	2	15
<b>Aug. 2010</b>	0	11	5	4	21
<b>Aug. 2011</b>	0	7	12	5	10
<b>Aug. 2012</b>	0	12	4	2	24
<b>Sept. 2009</b>	0	11	10	3	10
<b>Sept. 2010</b>	0	9	7	6	16
<b>Sept. 2011</b>	0	7	2	1	9
<b>Sept. 2012</b>	0	10	4	3	13

## Zone Map



The 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.

## Point of Entry Breakdown (Sept. 2012)

<b>Zone 1</b>	0 Residential B&E
<b>Zone 2</b>	10 Residential B&E including: 2 unlocked doors / 7 doors pried open / 1 thru a window
<b>Zone 3</b>	4 Residential B&E including: 1 unlocked door / 3 thru a window
<b>Zone 4</b>	3 Residential B&E, all 3 were thru a window
<b>Zone 5</b>	13 Residential B&E including: 2 thru unlocked door / 4 door pried open / 2 thru unlocked windows / 2 thru windows / 1 thru unlocked patio doors & 2 thru unknown points of entry

After a Break and Enter, if your residence/business 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. You will be asked for a description and the serial numbers of any stolen items.

Please 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.



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## 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.