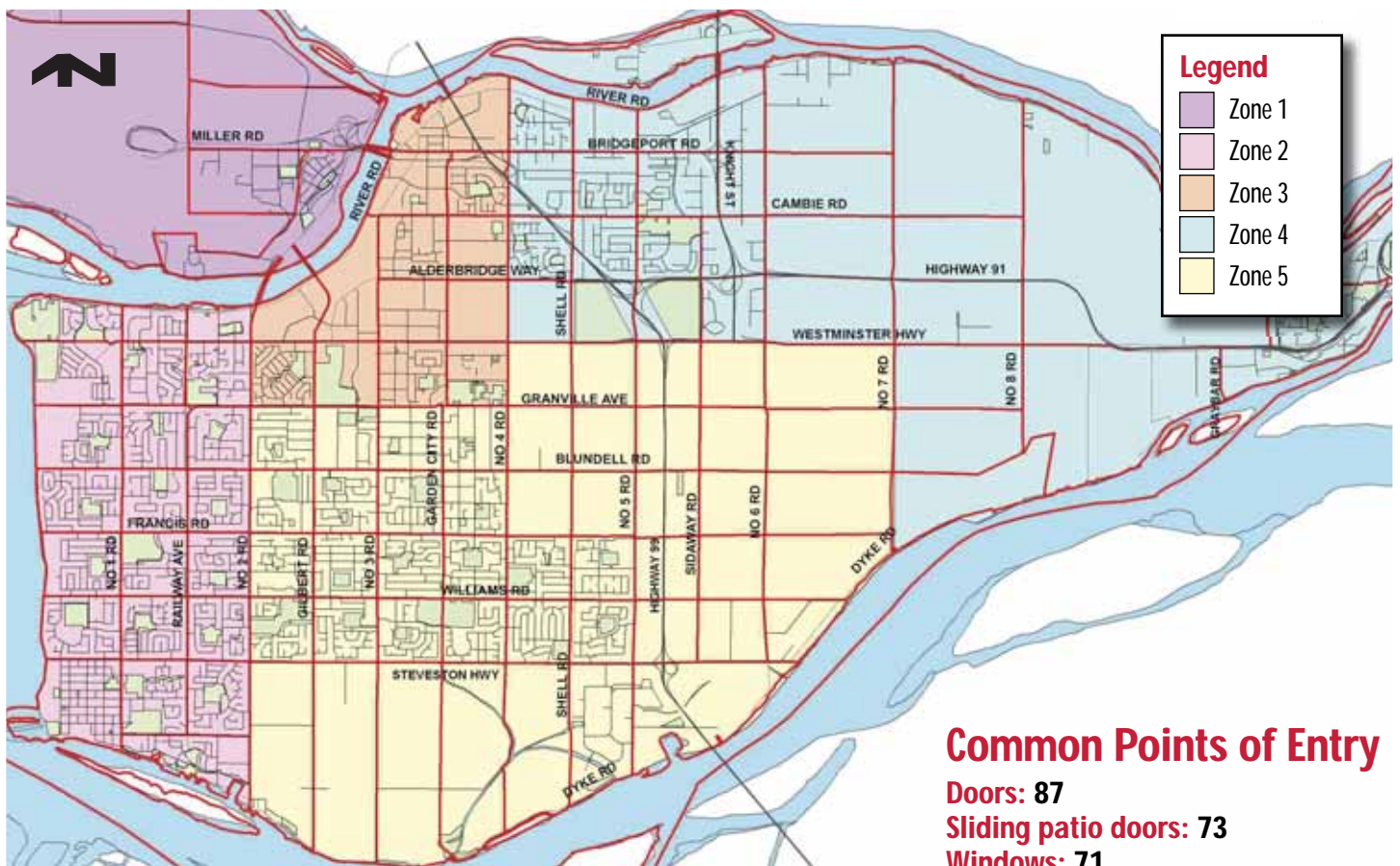
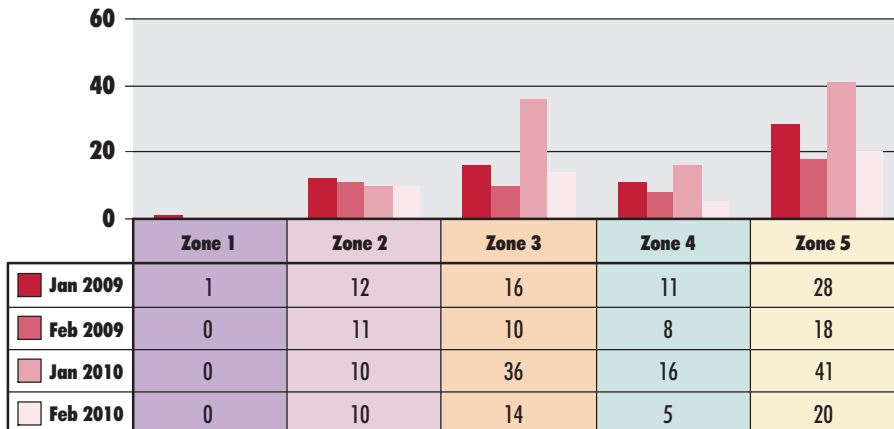


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Prevention Tips for Common Points of Entry

Doors

- Use good quality deadbolts (with a 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).
- Install a 6 - 8 inch long strike plate (the flat metal plate that fits onto the door frame and accepts the deadbolt throw when locked), use 3 inch screws to give maximum support.
- Install a door collar (a U-shaped metal sleeve that fits under the door handle and deadbolt) for additional support.



Sliding patio doors

- Install anti-lift guards (small L-shaped brackets) in the track above and below the closed sliding door to prevent the door from being lifted out of the frame.
- Install a patio locking bar at waist level if your sliding door opens on the outside of the frame to prevent prying.
- Install a wooden stick (i.e., an old hockey stick) in the bottom track if your sliding door opens on the inside of the frame to prevent prying.



Vertically or horizontally sliding windows

- A small screw should be drilled into the top and bottom tracks to prevent the window from being lifted out of the frame.
- Install a sliding window lock or use a piece of wood cut to fit snugly into the bottom track to prevent the window from being forced open.
- To increase the usefulness of the sliding window lock, close the window, screw the sliding window lock tight enough to leave a dent in the frame. Remove the lock and drill a small hole in the dent. Replace the sliding window lock into the new hole.
- Do not use a sliding window lock that has a separate key, as the key could become misplaced which is dangerous in an emergency.
- If you have window bars installed, they must be equipped with quick release devices so people can get out easily in case of an emergency.



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