

# Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention



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## Apartment / Condominium Security Tips

### Building Exterior

- If you see a suspicious person, call 9-1-1. Be prepared to give the suspect's description and if applicable, details regarding their vehicle(s), i.e., license plate number, type of vehicle, colour, etc.
- Intercom directories should list only your last name and, if necessary, an initial. Suite numbers should not be displayed.
- Do not let anyone into the building unless you know them. If someone you don't know wants admittance to the building, politely question them to determine if they should be in the building.
- Wait for the parking security gates to close behind you.
- Do not leave external doors propped open.
- Keep bushes and trees trimmed and fences low (or use lattice) to enhance visibility.
- Ensure fences or trees do not allow access to balconies.
- Do not leave valuables on your balcony.
- Use caution when alone in the laundry or storage room.
- Never store valuables in your storage locker.

### Inside Your Suite

- Re-keyed your locks when moving in.
- Use your deadbolt, even when at home. The deadbolt should have a 1 ½ inch throw.
- Install an alarm system and use it, even when you are at home (for the perimeter - doors and windows).
- Install and use a peephole in your door, and always use it before opening the door.
- Keep all doors and windows are locked.

### **Inside Your Suite (Cont'd.)**

- Do not rely on door chains, they can be forced open.
- Engrave personal belongings with your B.C. Drivers License number, (for example: BCDL #123456789). Record the serial number, make and model numbers.
- For items that you can not engrave, take a photo for insurance purposes.
- Insure your belongings. Store your valuables in a safety deposit box.
- Use light timers when you are out at night.
- Use security film or window bars on vulnerable windows (such as ground floor windows). Do not use in a room where a person sleeps because someone may get trapped inside during a fire.
- When away, cancel your newspaper and ask a trusted friend to collect your mail.

### **Patio Doors**

- Install a second lock on the inside track of the patio doors.
- Many sliding glass patio doors can be lifted right out of the track. Install an anti-lift guard (available at hardware stores) into the bottom and top tracks.

Visit [www.richmond.ca/crime](http://www.richmond.ca/crime) for an interactive web page where you can view Richmond neighbourhood maps for current crime summaries of residential and business break and enters, auto thefts, and theft from motor vehicles.

Visit <http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/personal/homesafety.htm> for information on home security.

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