



Pedestrian Safety

The Canada Line has changed the flow of public transport within the City of Richmond, and to and from Vancouver. The Canada Line reduces the traveling time to and from Vancouver, and provides a cost-saving alternative to traveling by car (including downtown parking fees). However, as all users will be funnelled through the Skytrain stations, there will be an increased flow of pedestrians around the stations. The Richmond RCMP would like to remind drivers that pedestrian crossings may be more frequent as people rush to catch a train or bus. Pedestrians need to be reminded to be aware of vehicular traffic, and to only cross streets at designated crosswalks. Traffic patterns have changed and may be more concentrated due to new bus lines and Skytrain stations, also, transit users are being dropped off or picked up nearby. It is important that pedestrians and drivers travel in a safe manner.

Tips for Pedestrians

- Do not jaywalk. Cross the street only at designated crosswalks.
- Plan your routes and avoid rushing to cross the street to board public transit.

- Do not use MP3/CD players or cell phones when crossing the street.
- Make eye contact with drivers when crossing the street.
- In the early morning and/or evening, wear reflective materials to increase your visibility.
- Stay alert, especially at night, and avoid streets with poor lighting.

Tips for Drivers

- Slow down and pay attention when driving near bus stops or Skytrain stations.
- When making turns, establish eye contact with pedestrians.

Tips for Skytrain Patrons

- Wait in well-lit and highly visible areas, especially in the evening.
- Take note of the hours of operation for buses and the Canada Line.
- Pay attention to security features at Skytrain stations and learn how to use them.
- Report criminal activity to the police or transit police.

Block Watch Telephone Fanout System

Richmond RCMP Block Watch is happy to announce that our Telephone Fanout System/Automatic Dialler is back up and running. We use this system to call Block Watch members with a recorded message if a residential break and enter occurs in their neighbourhood. This information keeps Block Watch members informed of local criminal activity and asks them to be on the look out for suspicious activity. People are encouraged to call the Police if they know anything about the break and enter. You can also receive this notification by email, to register please email blockwatch@richmond.ca with your name and home address.

Theft from Vehicles - A Growing Concern

There has been a steady increase in the number of thefts from vehicles throughout Richmond. If thieves see something in your vehicle they want, they will break in to get it.

Aside from losing your personal property, a break-in can leave you with the hassle and expense of fixing the damage to your vehicle. If you can claim the expense of fixing the damage to your vehicle against your auto insurance, you'll be paying the comprehensive deductible. But if personal items have been stolen from your vehicle, your deductibles may not end there. Personal items stolen from your vehicle, such as cameras, sporting equipment, your GPS, etc. are traditionally covered under your home insurance policy, not your auto insurance. This requires you to make a claim on your home insurance policy for your stolen personal items. You will have to pay your home insurance policy deductible also, which typically is around \$500. Coverage and deductibles aside, it's a good idea to avoid giving thieves a reason to break in to your vehicle.

A recent trend in theft from vehicles is the theft of GPS (Global Positioning Systems) devices. As the cost of this electronic device has decreased, the number of people who own them has increased. GPS units provide an easy target for thieves, you can smash a vehicle's window and steal a GPS in less than 30 seconds. Block Watch would like to remind you to remove any electronic devices from your car. Furthermore, remove any visible holders that may signify you have an electronic device hidden in your car (GPS stand, IPOD adapter, etc.).

If you must leave something in your vehicle, make sure it's locked up in your trunk before you arrive at your destination or take it with you.



To listen to a recorded message listing the weekly residential break and enters, please call 604-207-4715.

INCIDENT CHECKLIST

Explain what you saw, suspicious circumstances, direction of travel, etc. If further space is required, please use the back of this form. Be accurate with details. Don't guess!

Below are prompters, don't limit your details only to what is noted on this page.

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location of Incident: _____

There was a: Burglary Theft Damage
 Car Theft Theft from Car Assault Other
 Suspicious Activity

SUSPECT VEHICLE

License No.: _____ Vehicle Make: _____

Vehicle Model: _____ Colour: _____

Type of Vehicle: Car Truck Sports
 Commercial Vehicle Motorbike Bicycle
 Van Rust Dents Noisy
 New Other: _____

Describe what you saw: _____
 _____ (Continue on back if required)

SUSPECT PERSON

Male Female Age Group: _____
 Tall Short Approx. Height: _____
 Voice: _____ Accent: _____ What was said _____

COMPLEXION	BUILD	HAIRSTYLE	SHAPE
<input type="checkbox"/> Pale	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin	<input type="checkbox"/> Short	Eyebrows: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Long	Ears: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive	<input type="checkbox"/> Muscular	<input type="checkbox"/> Curly	Nose: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Dark	<input type="checkbox"/> Stocky	<input type="checkbox"/> Straight	Mouth/Lips: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spotty	<input type="checkbox"/> Fat	<input type="checkbox"/> Balding	Chin: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Obese	<input type="checkbox"/> Bald	Neck: _____
			Adams Apple: _____

Hair Colour: _____ Hair Line: _____
 Eye Colour: _____ Eye Shape: _____

OTHER Beard - Colour: _____ **CLOTHING** Upper Body: _____
 Moustache - Colour: _____ Lower Body: _____
 Tattoos - Type: _____
 Glasses - Type: _____
 Hat - Colour: _____ Emblem: _____

Describe exactly what you saw: _____

If more space is required for any of the above, please use the back.

RICHMOND BLOCK WATCH



CRIME CHECK

PAY ATTENTION TO CRIME PREVENTION

Keep this "Incident Checklist" handy, along with a pencil/pen. You need to write down the information as soon as you see it. Do not rely on your memory, as you may forget one important detail that could lead to an arrest.

Look for unusual or specific descriptions of suspects and/or vehicles. Your one bit of detailed information may be the key the police need to proceed with their investigation. Take into account that the suspect you see today may change his/her appearance if they are arrested and have to appear in court. Look for something that they cannot change easily.

Often police conduct their investigation only to find that several people are offering totally different descriptions of the same suspect or vehicle. Pay close attention and write down information as quickly as possible. Don't record information unless you know it to be accurate.

Keep this "Incident Checklist" not only in your home but keep one in your car too, with a pencil/pen. This is where your Block Watch "Attitude" comes to play. You may be in someone else's neighbourhood, but you may see something suspicious. Take the time to write down what you saw, no matter where you are.

Make note keeping a habit!

Share the information with your Captain and other neighbours.

Teach older children how to use it too.

Leave outside lights on every night!

The "Incident Checklist" is an excellent crime prevention tool. If police can use the information you have collected and arrest a suspect, then further crimes will most likely be prevented because of your actions.

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency (604) 278-1212

➔ To view Richmond neighbourhood criminal activity maps visit www.richmond.ca/crime

➔ To receive email fanouts for residential break and enters, email blockwatch@richmond.ca and include your name and street address.



Royal Canadian Mounted Police



City of Richmond