

# Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention

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## Home Security Tips

- If someone has broken into your home and is still inside, do not go inside. Call 9-1-1 from a safe location. 9-1-1 Operators are multi-lingual!
- If you are at home and someone breaks in, get out if you can and call 9-1-1. If you cannot get out, try to lock/barricade yourself in. When you can, call 9-1-1.
- If you come home and someone has broken in but has left, or if someone has attempted to break in, do not touch anything and call 9-1-1.
- Always report criminal activity to the Police. If a suspect is present, call 9-1-1. If no suspect is present, call the non-emergency line at 604 278-1212.
- If you have called the Police regarding an intruder, try to write down the person's description: sex, race, height, weight, clothing. Try to get the suspect's direction of travel, and if possible, details regarding their vehicle, including the license plate number.
- Engrave your BC Drivers License number (BCDL #123456789) on your valuables, including electronic and computer equipment, power tools, etc., record the make, model and serial numbers.
- Always keep your doors and windows locked. Residential break and enters are often through unlocked doors and windows! Lock your front door even if you are in the backyard.
- Don't store your keys near doors or windows where they may be accessible, keep them stored out of sight. Never hide a key outside.
- Install a peephole in your door and use it before opening the door. Don't open your door to strangers.
- Always close and lock the garage doors before driving away.
- Install an anti-lift guard on your sliding glass patio door to prevent the glass door from being lifted out of its frame. Also, install a good quality auxiliary lock or patio door bar. Do not store valuables on your patio.
- Put a wooden stick in the sliding glass window tracks to prevent them from being forced open.
- Ensure exterior lights can't be tampered with.
- Keep areas around doors/windows well lit; consider using motion-sensor lights.

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.