

Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention

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Security Film

Is a thin polyester sheet and can make glass up to 300% stronger. If hit with force (i.e., a brick), the glass may shatter but security film should hold the glass pieces together, in place and intact. The impact should not result in a hole in the glass, unless excessive or continuous force is used.

- Security film is available in different thicknesses. The greater the thickness, the greater the resistance to impact.
- Security film is invisible from either side of the glass, can have a scratch resistant coating and may be available in tinted shades.
- Security film is attached to existing glass windows and doors and is secured with a bonding adhesive.
- Security film can buy you time. Most criminals want to get in and out of your home or business quickly and quietly.
- Security film also reduces dangers during natural disasters. Regular glass is vulnerable to high winds, flying debris and earthquakes.
- Cost is based on the amount of glass to be covered, the preparation of the glass required, and the type of window or door frame. The cost usually includes the cost of installation.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- *In case of fire, can I break the glass?*
If security film is installed, it will be more difficult to break through and may prevent a timely escape. Therefore, you must determine alternative fire escape routes.
- *Can security film be peeled off the glass?*
The “peel strength” of the security film is very important. Peel strength refers to the number of pounds of pressure it would take to remove the security film from the glass once it is installed. So the higher the peel strength, the more difficult the removal.
- *How can I find a company that sells security film?*
Look in the telephone book yellow pages, under Glass Tinting and Coating.

The RCMP do not recommend any particular products.

Visit 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.