



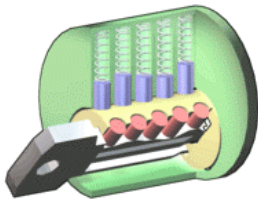
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This is the Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention Unit's e-mail newsletter. If you do not want to receive this e-mail, please send a return e-mail (including your street address) to request that your business is removed from our distribution list.

Business Security Inspections:

Call the Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention Unit to schedule an appointment to inspect your business's current security measures including a written report outlining areas of improvement. Call (604) 207-4790 for a free security inspection.

Most Common Target: Computers, therefore, the RCMP strongly recommends that all glass front doors have security film or window bars installed, however, personal safety must always be taken into consideration when installing such products.



New Threat to Conventional Mechanical Locks:

Lock Bumping, also known as bump keys is a lock-picking technique for opening pin tumbler locks. A bump key pushes the pins up for a split second so that the plug can turn. When used to break into your property there is no signs of forced entry or damage to the lock. Bump keys are easy to make and can be created very quickly. With a bump key it will take only 1 minute or less for the intruder to turn the lock and open the door to your

business. Most mainstream locks sold today have some protection against lock bumping. However, if your lock is four years or older it would be a good idea to have it evaluated by a locksmith. To protect yourself from lock bumping there are high security dead bolts that are bump key resistant available. As well, installing extra deadbolts on the exterior doors with thumb turns on the inside and no key access outside is another option. If you are concerned with lock bumping, please contact a locksmith.

Theft from Property: There has been a recent increase in the number of items stolen from business properties. The Richmond RCMP suggests that all businesses ensure that their compounds are secure. To do so, make sure that there are no gaps in the fence, add extra lighting, and if possible move metal items inside, as this is a possible target for metal thieves.