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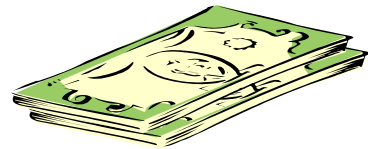
This is the Richmond RCMP Crime Prevention Unit's e-mail newsletter. If you do not want to receive this e-mail, please send a return e-mail (including your street address) to request that your business be removed from our distribution list.

Business Security Inspections:

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

Counterfeit Money:

Counterfeit bank notes are a concern for everyone involved in the consumer market. This includes business owners, employees as well as consumers. It is common that many employees, as well as end users, find themselves completely unaware they possess a counterfeit note. As a result, they use or distribute the counterfeit money with no intention of dishonesty or fraudulence. On the other hand, many individuals knowingly use these counterfeit notes which end up in business cash drawers and the general cash supply. Business owners should take appropriate steps to educate employees and discourage counterfeiters. Genuine bank notes are equipped with several security features that enable you to decide whether or not they are authentic. Some of which include; tilting the note to look for the changing colours and images in the holographic stripe and holding the note to the light to examine if a watermark portrait exists.



What do you do if you suspect a note is counterfeit?

- 1) **Stop** the transaction and keep the note (if possible without placing yourself at risk).
- 2) **Call** your supervisor, security officer and/or the local police.
- 3) **Record** the details of the transaction.
- 4) **Give the note** only to the police and request a receipt.

A combined effort from aware customers, attentive employees and concerned business owners is necessary to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank notes.

Burglary:

Burglary is a property crime that occurs when the business is close. The burglar may enter through any opening including doors, windows, air conditioning ducts, skylights or even create one through a shared wall. There are various ways to reduce the risk of being the target of a burglary. Surveillance and security are key components to keeping businesses safe from burglary. Lighting, locks, safes, entry control, intrusion alert and surrounding environment should all be considered in business safeguarding.