

Richmond RCMP Block Watch

Working together to prevent crime



Home Security Tips

If you discover a crime in progress, call 9-1-1.

- If someone has broken in or has attempted to break in and the suspect has left, do not touch anything and call the Richmond RCMP Police non-emergency number at (604) 278-1212.
- Report all criminal activity to the Police.
- Always lock your doors and windows when away from home.
- Use good quality deadbolts with 1" throw (the throw is the part that extends into the door frame when locked) on all exterior doors (including the door from the garage).
- Install a 6 - 8 inch long strike plate (the flat metal plate that fits onto the door frame and accepts the deadbolt throw when locked). Install using 3 inch screws to give maximum support.
- Install a door collar (a U-shaped metal sleeve that fits under the door handle and deadbolt) on all external doors for additional support.
- If your sliding glass door opens on the outside, install anti-lift guards (small L-shaped brackets) in the track above and below the closed door to prevent the door from being lifted out of the frame. Also install a patio locking bar at waist level to prevent prying.
- If your sliding patio door opens on the inside of the frame, install a wooden stick to prevent prying.
- To increase the usefulness of a sliding window lock, close the window, screw the sliding window lock tight enough to leave a mark in the frame. Remove the lock and drill a small hole in the mark. Replace the sliding window lock into the new hole.
- Record the make, model and serial numbers of your computer and electronic equipment.
- Trim landscaping away from doors and windows to provide clear sight lines into your home.
- Use indoor light timers and outdoor motion sensors lighting. Install anti-tampering cages over outdoor light fixtures to protect the light bulb.

Visit www.richmond.ca/crime for neighbourhood crime information and www.richmond.ca/homesafety for home security tips.