



BUSINESS NEWS

District 1

DECEMBER

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Current Crime Incidents

Here are the Commercial Break and Enter statistics for District 1 for the dates of December 1 thru to December 31, 2009.

Location	Entry	Additional Information
900 block 9 Ave SW	Smashed Glass	No property taken
800 block 6 Ave SW	Pried Door	Cash targeted
800 block 8 Ave SW	Pried Door	Cash targeted, nothing taken
500 block 6 St SW	Smashed Glass	Cash targeted
200 block Centre St S	Smashed Glass	Attempted, no entry gained
100 block 11 Ave SE	Smashed Glass	Nothing taken, confronted by staff
1400 Block 4 St SW	Kicked-in Door	Safe & cash targeted
200 block 17 Ave SW	Pried Door	Attempted, no entry gained
1000 block 17 Ave SW	Smashed Glass	Clothing product targeted

Location	Incident	Additional Information
1200 block 2 St SW	Residential business B&E	Subject arrested and charged

Please be aware that there have been an increasing number of residential business break and enters within District 1. Offenders are breaking into residential, business and apartment buildings and are targeting storage and laundry areas. Method of entry varies from smashed glass, pried doors to unlocked doors. Police remind citizens to secure all doors properly and report all suspicious activity as soon as possible.

Auto Theft

Since vehicle theft is often a crime of opportunity, the Calgary Police Service recommends these measures to make your vehicle less attractive to thieves.

Lock it up. Close the windows, lock the doors and the trunk, and take your keys with you — never leave your vehicle unlocked, even for the few minutes it takes to duck into a store or run back into the house. And don't hide a key on the vehicle — criminals know ALL the hiding spots.

Turn it off. Never leave your vehicle idling alone, even if you lock the doors. It costs the environment in emissions, and it could cost you when a criminal bypasses the door lock in seconds.

Hide your valuables. Wherever and whenever you park, remove your valuables — including any removable stereos. If that's not practical (you're in the middle of a shopping day, for example), hide the valuables in the trunk, out of sight, and then move the vehicle to a different place in the parking lot. Thieves watch parking lots to see who's stashing shopping bags and then heading back into the mall.

Stow it right. If you have a garage, use it and lock it. If you don't, choose a parking spot that's as well lit and well travelled as possible, within sight of your windows.

Think security. If your vehicle has an alarm, use it. If it doesn't, consider installing one, or at least using an anti-theft device such as a steering-wheel locking bar. These items can deter some criminals, and can delay others. If your vehicle is especially attractive to criminals, consider installing a security system such as an electronic vehicle disabling device, a hood-locking device or a location tracking system.

Protect yourself. Never leave any identifying information, such as your name, address, phone number or vehicle registration/insurance in the vehicle. Carry it in your wallet or purse instead, and never leave these items in the vehicle. You'll also need the registration and insurance details in case the vehicle is stolen, so it's a great idea to make an extra copy of these documents, to keep at home.

Report it! If you see suspicious people in or around vehicles, call the Calgary Police Service at 266-1234. And if your vehicle is broken into or stolen, report it to police right away, regardless of loss or insurance coverage. Break-ins are rarely isolated — reporting them immediately with as much detail as possible can help police in their investigation.

TREND OF THE MONTH Pried Door B & E

District 1 Office

1010 – 26 Ave S.E.

Phone: 403-567-6100

Hours

Mon. to Fri.,

9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sat. and Sun.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Crime mapping and on-line reporting located at:

www.calgarypolice.ca

Latest press releases on the city beat:

www.calgary.ca

www.calgarycrimestoppers.org

Any questions or concerns, please call me, Brad Andrews #3651, at the District 1 office or email me at

BLPI@calgarypolice.ca.

Please let me know if there is anything else you would like to see in this bulletin.

Thanks and I look forward to working with you.