



BUSINESS NEWS

District 1

December

2011

Current Crime Incidents

Here are the Commercial Break and Enter statistics for District 1 for the dates of November 1 thru to November 30, 2011.

Location	Entry	Additional Information
200 Blk 4 Ave SW	Pried steel roll shutter	Cash targeted
200 Blk 7 Ave SW	Pried door	Attempt only
500 Blk 11 Ave SW	Unknown method	Cash targeted
600 Blk 11 Ave SW	Pried door	Cash targeted X 2
900 Blk 5 Ave SW	Pried door	Cash targeted
500 Blk 4 Ave SW	Pried door	Cash targeted
200 Blk 11 Ave SE	Removed hinge pins	Cash targeted
200 Blk 11 Ave SW	Pried door	Nothing removed
1000 Blk 17 Ave SW	Pried door	Nothing removed
800 Blk 17 Ave SW	Pried door	Cash targeted
900 Blk 17 Ave SW	Pried door	Electronics targeted
300 Blk 17 Ave SW	Pried door, drywall	Cash targeted

There were also two incidents where suspects entered secure parkades through unknown means then smashed vehicle windows and removed contents.

We have also seen a few incidents where suspects have been targeting detached garages by forcing the man-door.

Vacation-proof your home

An empty home can be an easy target for thieves. The Calgary Police Service suggests the following quick and easy tips to protect your home and valuables when you leave your home for an extended period of time:

Make your home look lived in: Put lights, radios and TVs on variable timers. Have someone stay inside your home for a while each day if possible. If you're leaving a vehicle outside your house, have someone move its position periodically, to make it appear as if it is being used. Also arrange for lawn and garden upkeep.

Cancel deliveries: Either cancel newspapers, mail and other delivery items or have a trusted neighbour collect them for you while you are away.

Look at your home through a burglar's eyes: Ensure the exterior of your home is well-lit and that burglars don't have an opportunity to work unseen in hidden areas, such as behind fences or bushes.

Check the fine print: Read your home insurance policy to find out how often your home needs to be checked in order to maintain your coverage, especially during the winter heating season. In some cases, the requirement may be for daily checks.

Trust carefully: Tell only people you trust that you will be away and how long you will be gone for. Leave an itinerary with them so that they can reach you in case of an emergency. Ask trusted neighbours to collect junk mail and look out for your place; if there's no one nearby, hire a reliable house-sitting service.

Go off site: Store important or irreplaceable documents and items away from your home, such as in a safety deposit box.

Secure your garage: Disconnect the garage door opener by switching on its "lock" setting or switching off the circuit breaker that allows the automatic door to open. Place a padlock in the door track to block the roller. Lock all person-doors, including the one between an attached garage and the house.

Before you go: Lock up tools, BBQs and ladders and make sure they are out of sight; set and test your timers; lock and check doors and windows; and leave shades and blinds in normal positions. Turn off the telephone ringer so no one knows your home is empty (and don't leave outgoing phone or email messages saying you are away).

If you return to find that your home has been broken into, don't enter it and don't touch anything. Call police at 403-266-1234 from a neighbour's home or cell phone, and wait for help to arrive.

TREND OF THE MONTH

Pried Doors

SAFETY TIP

Please dial carefully! The Calgary Police Service and other Emergency Services remind office staff to dial carefully if they use a dial 9 pre-fix. Everyday numerous misdials tie up emergency resources. Please dial carefully and if you connect to "911" by accident, please stay on the line. Do not hang up. Your co-operation is appreciated!

IMPORTANT LINKS

Crime mapping and on-line reporting located at:

www.calgarypolice.ca

Latest press releases on the city beat: www.calgary.ca

CRIME STOPPERS:

www.ttttips.com/

Any questions or concerns, please call me, Brad Andrews #3651, at the District 1 office or email me at BLP1@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.