



# BUSINESS NEWS

District 1

March

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## Current Crime Incidents

Here are the Commercial Break and Enter statistics for District 1 for the dates of February 1 thru to February 28, 2011.

Location	Entry	Additional Information
100 Blk 6 Ave SW	Unlocked	Cash targeted
800 Blk 1 St SW	Pried door	Nothing taken
400 Blk 4 Ave SW	Forced door	Cash targeted
200 Blk 8 Ave SW	Remained in business	SUBJECT ARRESTED
800 Blk 5 Ave SW	Unlocked door	Cash targeted
700 Blk 6 Ave SW	Forced door	Cash targeted
1200 Blk 11 Ave SW	Smashed glass	Nothing taken
900 Blk 7 Ave SW	Smashed Glass	Nothing taken
1000 Blk 8 St SE	Cut hole in wall	Cash targeted
100 Blk 3 Ave SE	Unknown entry	Cash targeted
100 Blk 23 Ave SW	Forced door	Nothing taken
2400 Blk 4 St SW	Smashed glass	Cash & Product targeted
100 Blk 12 Ave SE	Unlocked patio door	Nothing taken
500 Blk 17 Ave SW	Smashed glass	Cash targeted
2100 Blk 4 St SW	Smashed glass	Product targeted
1700 Blk 4 St SW	Smashed glass	Product targeted
1900 Blk 4 St SW	Smashed glass/ drywall	Product targeted

## Commercial Break & Enter Prevention

The Calgary Police Service would like to provide you with information regarding commercial break-ins. The majority of the commercial break-ins that we attend occur between the hours of 8 p.m. and 5 a.m., every day of the week. Culprits typically gained access to businesses by smashing windows, door glass, insecure or forcing doors. To reduce the likelihood of your business being targeted, the CPS suggests the following preventative tips:

- Ensure clear visibility from the street to your business entrances at all times. Remove large posters and advertisements from windows.
- Conduct inventory of your business, take photos and/or video of your valuable items and store it in a safe place off-site.
- Record serial numbers and store them in a safe place off-site.
- If you do not have a CCTV system, consider installing one. If you have a CCTV system, ensure that it is turned on. Be sure your entrances are video monitored with a system that records. Ensure the recording devices are well hidden, secured and working properly.
- Discuss the issue of security with your neighbours and share crime prevention ideas and possibly costs. This could prevent culprits from breaking into your neighbour's business then attempting to gain entry into your business through the drywall.
- Do not keep cash on-site overnight. If this is not possible, ensure the cash is in a safe that is anchored to the floor.
- Keep your cash register visible to the outside with the till portion left open and empty at night.
- Post a "no cash on premises" sign on all entrances.
- Leave some lights on.
- Light all entrances with vandal-proof fixtures, including the sidewalk and alleyways.
- Obtain and use window glass reinforcement, security bars or locking grates for nighttime use.
- If you have an alarm, be sure to activate it as you leave. Also, ensure your alarm company has your current key holder contact information.
- If you receive an alarm call, consider the possibility that it may not be a false alarm and police might need to be contacted.
- Walk around your property before you leave to ensure all points of entry are secure.

## TREND OF THE MONTH Smashed Glass

### Be aware:

Please be aware that District One has recently had break & enters involving suspects gaining access to businesses by breaking the glass surrounding doors. CPS has made some arrests in connection with these incidents. We ask that you remain vigilant in securing your properties in case this issue continues or shifts in location due to policing strategies/pressure.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

Crime mapping and on-line reporting located at:  
[www.calgarypolice.ca](http://www.calgarypolice.ca)

Latest press releases on the city beat: [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca)

CRIME STOPPERS:  
[www.ttttips.com/](http://www.ttttips.com/)

Any questions or concerns, please call me, Brad Andrews #3651, at the District 1 office or email me at [BLPI1@calgarypolice.ca](mailto:BLPI1@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.