



Oak Bay Business Watch: Fan Out



From April 1st to April 30th, the Oak Bay Police responded to 389 calls for service

Suspicious Persons/Vehicles: 29
Assist General Public: 52
Theft From Motor Vehicle: 18
Theft Of Motor Vehicle: 0
Theft Of Bicycle: 4
Break and Enters: 1
Fraud: 0

Summary of Events:

Please remember to lock your car doors. Also, remove all valuables from your car to decrease the likelihood that somebody will smash the window in order to gain access to your vehicle.

A home was broken into in the 1000 block of Deal Street on the 29th of April. Entry was gained through a glass panel door by smashing one of the panes of glass. A computer was taken. There were a few Crime Prevention steps that could have been made to the yard to prevent this from happening. Please contact the Oak Bay Police if you are interested in a Business Security Audit being conducted.

Crime Prevention Tip:

How can you prevent graffiti?

Ongoing upkeep

-Make every effort to keep the appearance of your property clean and neat. According to the Los Angeles Police Department, an exterior appearance that suggests apathy and neglect attracts vandals. Littered parking lots, graffiti, broken fences, overgrown landscaping, and poor lighting all send a message to vandals that business owners are not attentive or do not care about the business.



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Rapid Removal

-Rapid removal of graffiti is the best way for property owners to protect their neighbourhood's image and preserve a sense of security. Report graffiti to the police, take a picture of the graffiti and then remove it quickly.

Control access

-Incorporate shrubs and vines to restrict access to a potential graffiti target wall. Add or improve lighting around the building to promote natural surveillance. Wherever possible use fences, controlled entrance and exits, rails, and other barriers that discourage through traffic.

-Limit access to roofs by moving dumpsters away from walls and cover drainpipes and ladders to prevent vandals from scaling them.

Step up security

-Install some type of security camera.
-Organize a block watch in your neighbourhood.
-Employ graffiti resistant materials or coatings on a chronically hit wall or consider hiring an artist to paint a mural.

Work with the community

-Organize a Community Paint-Out. Contact your local Community Policing centre, Community Centre, Business Improvement Association or school and see how they can help

Protect Your Walls With Anti-Graffiti Coating

-Commercial products are available that make cleaning graffiti easier. Protecting your building now could save time down the road if your building is ever the target of graffiti vandalism.

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