

Business Watch Participant,

Hello everyone and Happy Saint Patrick's Day! We hope everything has been going well. Just a reminder that our high school and elementary students are out of school for Spring Break this week and next week! Please contact the [Ladner Community Police](#) if you need information on any of our programs that are at your disposal.



The following statistics are a summary of reported Ladner commercial crime offences in **FEBRUARY 2014**.

Robbery	0
Break & Enter Commercial	5
Theft of Vehicle	4
Theft From Vehicle	12

VANDALISM PREVENTION: Physical Controls

Vandalism can include a variety of criminal damage directed towards any property without permission of the owner. We highly recommend all businesses take the time to go over some preventative physical measures:

- Provide appropriate [lighting](#) for streets, paths, alleys.
- Plant [low shrubs, vines, or thorny plants](#) around signs or buildings to make access difficult.
- Use [rough cast materials](#) and [dark walls](#) to prevent graffiti.
- To reduce opportunity for vandalism; use [unbreakable fixtures](#) or glass when possible.
- [Remove large trees or bushes](#) that block people's view of vandals.
- [Limit access to roofs](#) by removing dumpsters, ladders, drain pipes or anything that allows a vandal to 'scale' the wall.



WORKPLACE SAFETY

The following 5 tips are recommended by WorkSafe BC:

1. **Inform employees** of any hazards while working alone
2. Implement procedures which **minimize risk** by modifying work processes or activities
3. Perform regular “**Risk Assessments**” of employees environment:
 - Identify types and probability of risks to employees.
 - Provide means to document risk assessments.
 - Make results available to employees and explain any new implementations.
4. **Train employees** not to resist if they are threatened with violence
 - Consider panic or emergency alarms for workers
5. Provide direction for workers outlining **safe response methods and procedures** for reporting incidents



For more information, or to arrange a crime prevention training session, contact the Ladner Community Police Station at ladcops@deltapolice.ca with the email title “BW Crime Prevention Program”