Business Watch (NOVEMBER) Monthly Newsletter

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Business Watch Participant,

As festivities for Halloween have come to a close, many businesses start preparations for the Holidays in December. With many consumers beginning Christmas shopping early, we understand that this time of year can keep businesses very busy. 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 **OCTOBER 2014**.

Robbery	0
Break & Enter Commercial	3
Theft of Vehicle	0
Theft From Vehicle	30

PREVENTING FAKE INVOICE SCAMS

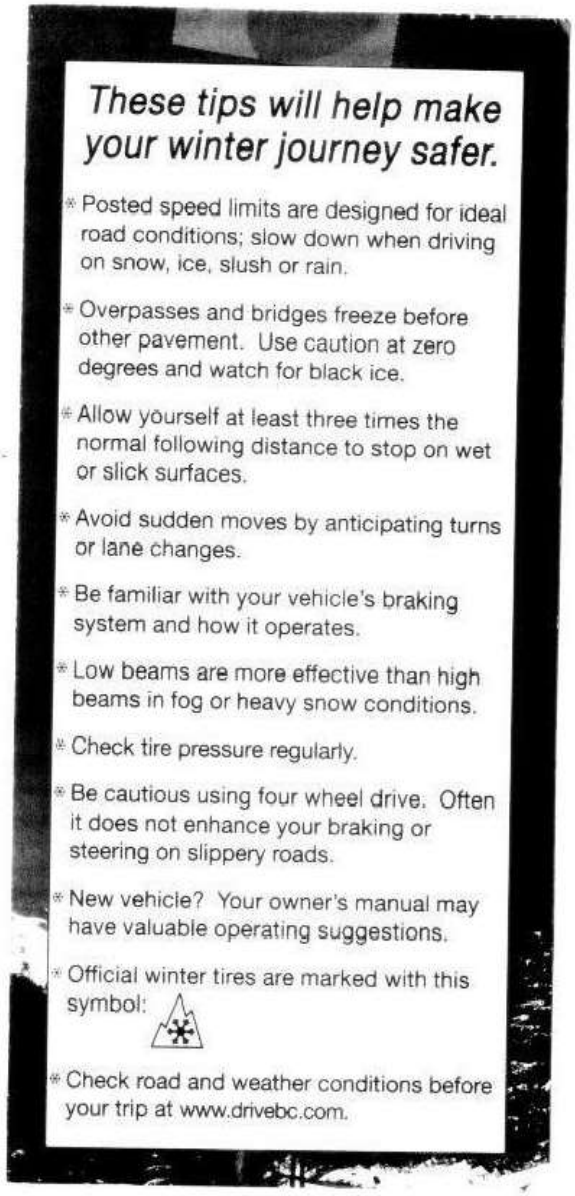
Fake invoices can effectively scam many businesses, especially small businesses. These fake invoices may use a name similar to a known company to mislead you. We recommend every business be aware of the preventative measures that can be taken to avoid fake invoice scams.

Preventative Measures:

- Keep written records of all orders and purchases and check every invoice against these records before payment.
- Read invoices carefully and don't hesitate to question any unrecognizable change.
- Understand the conditions attached to your suppliers' invoices.
- Read the fine print and be aware of any extra fees that may apply.

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

With cold weather fast approaching, we would like to remind businesses about driving precautions and tips recommended by ICBC in the upcoming winter months:



These tips will help make your winter journey safer.

- Posted speed limits are designed for ideal road conditions; slow down when driving on snow, ice, slush or rain.
- Overpasses and bridges freeze before other pavement. Use caution at zero degrees and watch for black ice.
- Allow yourself at least three times the normal following distance to stop on wet or slick surfaces.
- Avoid sudden moves by anticipating turns or lane changes.
- Be familiar with your vehicle's braking system and how it operates.
- Low beams are more effective than high beams in fog or heavy snow conditions.
- Check tire pressure regularly.
- Be cautious using four wheel drive. Often it does not enhance your braking or steering on slippery roads.
- New vehicle? Your owner's manual may have valuable operating suggestions.
- Official winter tires are marked with this symbol:
- Check road and weather conditions before your trip at www.drivebc.com.

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".