



Security Update

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The Strata Council is very concerned over the continuing rash of break-ins, attempted break-ins and vandalism. We are taking action to improve security further, through strengthening and/or replacement of the flimsy lock sets on exterior and interior doors and through the installation of alarms on some doors.

We are considering posting security guards at night, possibly in cooperation with other Stratas, but recognize that this is a costly option.

All residents are asked to take the following precautions to protect your security and that of your neighbours:

- a) Do not permit anyone unknown to you to enter your lobby or parkade elevator lobby as you enter or exit it unless that person has an entry fob.
- b) Ensure that the parkade gate is closed behind you whenever you enter or exit the parkade. Do not leave the area until the gate is closed.
- d) Leave no valuables in your car, lock the doors and use a "club."
- e) Call the RCMP at 911 if you witness suspicious behaviour in or around the buildings.
- f) Ensure that deadbolt locks on the sliding doors to balconies are set whenever your suite is unattended.
- g) Do not confront any intruder or vandal - back away and call 911.

Fortunately, break-ins have thus far been confined to the common areas. However, we are concerned about the escalation of these intrusions to break-ins to our suites. This is a reasonable concern in view of the apparent ability of the criminals to access any area of the building they wish, including the stairwells. Residents are asked to consider taking the following actions:

- a) Replacing the flimsy "developer grade" lock sets on both doors to your suite with high-security units.
- b) Installing intrusion alarm systems in their suites.
- c) Reinforcing their storage lockers by installing sturdy hasps and locks and by strengthening attachment of the door slats.
- d) Installing a passively activated immobilizer (ignition, fuel, or starter – or all three) in any vehicle that does not already have one.