

CRIME ALERT

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To New Westminster apartment and strata properties,

There has been an increase in break-ins to apartment buildings with coin-operated laundry in an effort to steal the coins. Thieves cause considerable damage to the laundry machines and sometimes, the locks and entrance doors.

Some strategies to consider:

- Convert coin-operated systems to card-operated technology or use a token system. Removing the cash may eliminate vandalism and burglary.
- Use signage that indicates laundry is coinless.
- Limit hours for laundry room use, and secure room after hours.
- Installation of electronic surveillance and a monitored alarm are recommended.

If you would like more information or you have questions, please contact the New Westminster Crime Prevention Team by phoning 604-529-2446.

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