



# HOME SECURITY AS A BUSINESS OWNER

→ PROTECTING YOUR HOME IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS SECURING YOUR BUSINESS!

## What should I watch for?

- Two (2) or more perpetrators;
- Suspicious Solicitors: They may arrive in larger groups in a cul-de-sac, with the aim of obtaining information on home occupants, pets, security cameras, alarms and valuables;
- Individuals who may travel in SUVs and/or high end vehicles.;
- Individuals who may drop off a group and then leave;
- Suspicious persons/vehicles at your business location.

Suspicious persons/vehicles should be reported to Henrico County Police at (804) 501-5000, or by use of the Online Reporting system: [File a Police Report Online](#).

## What homes get their attention?

- High End Single Family Homes;
- Usually 2 Story Houses;
- Ability to approach the home from the rear;
- Home unoccupied (no one home);
- Offenders focus on master bedrooms and closets, storage areas;
- Homes along cul-de-sacs draw attention due to cover and concealment commonly found in the rear.

## What are they looking for?

- High End jewelry.
- Designer handbags & wallets.
- Sunglasses, Watches, Cash, Safes.
- Precious Metals (May have devices to quickly test the value of a metal or gem).



## How do they get in?

- Ladder or outdoor furniture to 2nd Floor
- Deck/Balcony on 2nd Floor
- Break lower-level glass door/window
- Often use rear sliding door or French doors.
- May check doors first and take advantage of doors left unlocked.

## Home Security Tips:

- Monitored Alarm system connected to the household power directly (Loss of power will notify the alarm company).
- Tamper resistant outdoor cameras (consider stand alone cameras that record on an SD card & don't depend on WiFi).
- Consider safety glass for doors/windows that are more difficult to enter through if broken.
- If out of town for an extended period, Stop mail and newspaper deliveries and put your lights on timers so there is an appearance of occupancy.
- Include exterior lighting on the timer cycle.



## See something, say something!

Perpetrators who target business owners' homes, are often seeking large amounts of currency and/or jewelry/valuables. They may

utilize tools/technology not commonly found such as:

- Jammers to shut down cameras operating on WiFi or cellular connectivity;
- Tools to disconnect power from the entire house;
- Devices to test the value of precious metals or gems;
- Spray Paint to quickly block camera.

Report suspicious activity to Henrico County Police at (804) 501-5000. The [Online reporting system](#) can also be used if there is no danger or threat present. Information relayed through the Online reporting system will be evaluated by Officers/Detectives and could help solve a case.

## Register for Business Watch

Business Watch is a free, county-wide program modeled after the highly successful Neighborhood Watch program. It establishes a formal communications network among businesses in specified areas and allows Henrico Police to notify business members of potential crime and current crime trends more efficiently.



## Stay Informed and Protected

While being a member of the Business Watch is a fantastic way to stay informed in your community, here are some other methods you may be interested in:

### HENRICO CRIME ALERT

Visit the [Henrico Police Crime Alert](#) blog to keep

an eye on recent crime trends in the area. Our Business Watch newsletter informs you of crime trends related to businesses, but this covers general trends.

### **HENRICO ALERT**

If you have a landline in Henrico County, you are automatically signed up for Henrico Alert, which alerts you to life-safety emergency situations. Please visit [Henrico County Alert](#) for more information, or to add a mobile device to the call list.

### **SECURITY ALARM REGISTRATION**

Henrico County Code requires all business and residential security alarms be registered with our Department of Emergency Communications (DEC). Visit the [Commercial Alarm Security System Registration page](#) for more information.

### **PUBLIC CRIME DATA**

To review crime reports in your neighborhood, [please utilize our public database](#).

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