

Chilliwack Property Safety Checklist

A practical prevention checklist for residents, businesses, strata properties, and small sites.

Use this checklist to reduce common property-security gaps. It is not an official police document and does not replace emergency reporting. If a crime is happening now or someone is in danger, call 9-1-1.

1. Vehicle and Driveway Check

- Lock every vehicle, even when parked in a driveway, parkade, or private lot.
- Remove wallets, tools, bags, electronics, documents, keys, and garage remotes from view.
- Do not leave spare keys, fobs, or garage door openers inside the vehicle overnight.
- Park in a visible, well-lit area when possible.
- For work trucks and fleet vehicles, remove high-value tools at the end of the day where practical.
- Record licence plate, VIN, and serial numbers for high-value vehicle accessories or tools.

2. Home and Garage Check

- Lock exterior doors, side doors, sliding doors, garage man doors, sheds, and detached garages.
- Close and secure windows before leaving or going to sleep.
- Check that exterior lighting works near the driveway, side gate, rear yard, and garage.
- Keep ladders, tools, and objects that can help entry stored away.
- When away, arrange mail pickup and use timers or smart lights inside the home.
- Ask a trusted neighbour to report unusual late-night activity or unfamiliar vehicles checking doors.

3. Business Closing Check

Area	Closing check
Front entry	Door locked, glass checked, no valuables/cash visible.
Rear/side doors	Locked, latched, no blocked emergency exit, no damage.
Alarm/cameras	Alarm armed, camera view clear, call list current.
Exterior	Lighting working, garbage/side areas checked, no hiding spots or hazards.
Cash/stock/tools	Secured out of view; high-value items away from windows.
Closing log	Staff name, time closed, issues noted, photos if needed.

4. Construction / Yard / Storage Check

- Verify fence line, gate locks, trailer locks, sea cans, tool storage, and fuel storage.
- Remove keys from equipment and keep key control documented.
- Move high-value materials away from easy road access where possible.
- Check lighting and camera angles around gates, trailers, and material staging areas.

- Document who performed the lock-up check and when.
- For repeated after-hours concerns, consider mobile patrol, lock-up checks, or on-site security.

5. When to review your security plan

- After any incident, even if loss is minor.
- After repeated suspicious activity or vehicle checking in the area.
- Before long weekends, vacations, closures, or construction shutdowns.
- When a business adds new inventory, tools, equipment, or cash handling.
- When tenant, staff, or visitor complaints increase.

Zentra Protection can support mobile patrol, lock-up and unlock checks, construction site security, alarm response support, exterior property checks, and incident documentation. No security measure can guarantee prevention, but consistent routines can reduce preventable gaps.