

## 1. What is GeoDASH?

GeoDASH stands for Geographic Data Analysis and Statistics Hub. It is a crime mapping tool used by the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) to inform our residents of select categories of crime activities reported in Vancouver.

## 2. Are all crimes included in the map?

No.

Only crimes that belong in the categories and that occurred from January 1st, 2003 to 11:59 pm yesterday are included in this map. Certain crimes are excluded for privacy and investigative reasons.

## 3. How often is the data updated?

The crime incidents are updated Monday to Friday, except for statutory holidays, and are reflected on GeoDASH at approximately 10:30am.

## 4. What do the different crime types mean?

 BNE Commercial	(Commercial Break and Enter) Breaking and entering into a commercial property with intent to commit an offence.
 BNE Residential/Other	(Residential Break and Enter) Breaking and entering into a dwelling/house/apartment/garage with intent to commit an offence.
 Homicide	A person, directly or indirectly, by any means, causes the death of another person.
 Mischief (eg. graffiti)	A person commits mischief that willfully causes malicious destruction, damage, or defacement of property.
 Offence Against a Person	An attack on a person causing harm including: Robbery, Assault, Sexual Assault, Domestic Assault
 Other Theft (eg. bicycle, personal item)	Theft of property that includes personal items (purse, wallet, cellphone, laptop, bicycle, etc.)
 Theft from Vehicle	Theft of property from a vehicle.
 Theft of Vehicle	Theft of a vehicle, motorcycle, boat or any motor vehicle.

**6. There seems to be a high level of crime in a particular area, should I be concerned?**

Highly-populated areas or areas with a high-volume of foot traffic (eg. shopping areas, entertainment facilities, schools, parks, main roads, etc.) may have more reported incidents. This does not necessarily mean that there is a disproportionate amount of crime in these areas. If you are concerned about the level of crime in your area, we encourage you to call your Community Policing Centre and ask to speak to a Neighbourhood Police Officer. For more info, visit: <http://vancouver.ca/police/community-policing/index.html>.

**7. Why are addresses listed in hundred blocks rather than the specific address?**

All addresses have been rounded to the block level to safeguard the privacy of the victims.

**8. I have information about a crime that I see on the map. What should I do?**

Anyone with information about any crime should alert police. Information on reporting a crime can be found at <http://vancouver.ca/police/contact/report-a-crime.html>

**9. What are the minimum browser requirements to use GeoDASH?**

GeoDASH takes advantage of advanced features that are only available in more recent versions of web browsers. To ensure an optimal experience while using the site, you may need to update your web browser.

**10. Is any of my personal information contained here?**

No.

No personal data such as names, date of birth, social insurance number, or other personal information are displayed or retained in GeoDASH.

**11. How many incidents can be displayed in the map?**

GeoDASH can display up to 1,000 incidents on the map at one time.

**12. Does GeoDASH include crimes committed on the Skytrain?**

No.

Crimes that are committed on the Skytrain are within the jurisdiction of the Transit Police and are not included in GeoDASH.

**13. What if I have a question that was not answered here?**

If you have a question that was not answered on our FAQ page please [email us](#).