

# Safety fears after crash

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ANOTHER accident on Sandgate Rd has once again left Albion businesses concerned for their safety and that of their customers.

Last week posts outside Sitar Indian restaurant were damaged after they were hit by a vehicle.

Teresa Bredhauer, office manager of Twelve9Teen, the physiotherapy clinic across the road, said they just want it fixed.

"Is it going to take a worst-case scenario?" Ms Bredhauer said.

"We're just scared that someone is going to get seriously hurt."

The accident follows *City North News'* coverage of

another accident at the same location in June.

On that occasion councillor David McLachlan pledged to go to work finding an appropriate remedy.

When contacted about the latest accident, Cr McLachlan said: "I have asked for the installation of a safety barrier."

Ms Bredhauer said promises had been made but no action had been taken to date.

"They said they were going to remove parking, install safety rails," she said. "They haven't done anything."

A spokeswoman for Brisbane City Council said the council would begin consultations with businesses this year about proposed safety fencing.

She said this would happen before installation in the 2010-11 financial year.

Police said they had increased patrols and enforcement actions in the area and were considering other strategies.

They said they would continue to work with the council to identify the most effective safety strategies for the area.

Do you think Brisbane City Council is doing enough? Have your say at [www.citynorthnews.com.au](http://www.citynorthnews.com.au)



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Concern: Wahid Zaman and Ali Dewam from Sitar at the scene of the crash on Sandgate Rd, Albion.



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Hats off: Sophie Love at a St Margaret's Race Day at Eagle Farm. Picture: Ric Frearson

## Baubles and bubbles

DIAMONDS, bubbly and a flutter on the gee-gees.

That's the delightful scenario set to unfold at Eagle Farm on August 7 when the much-loved St Margaret's Race Day swings into action.

McKinney's Jewellers has

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All proceeds from the day

will go toward supporting the school's very important P&F Association.

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## Lock up or lose it, warn police

ANDREW DAWSON

EXASPERATED Queensland police have urged the public to lock up or risk becoming part of an extraordinary break-and-enter statistic.

Senior-Sergeant Steve Watterson, Regional Crime Prevention Coordinator for Metropolitan North, said a staggering 38 per cent of break-and-enters were perpetrated by thieves entering through unlocked doors or windows.

Last year about 6500 break-and-enters were committed against households and businesses throughout the Metropolitan North Region, two-thirds of which related to households.

This year so far, police reported 3181 break-and-enters, of which 2055 were against households.

Sen Sgt Watterson said statistics this year indicated little decline in the break-and-enter rate - there was a .07 per cent drop in Brisbane North but a 1.3 per cent increase in Pine Rivers.

There was decline in crimes committed via entry through unlocked premises.

Snr Sgt Watterson had a simple message: "Lock your doors and windows."

"It is not as bad in the winter but when the weather warms up, people air out houses and sit in backyards with front doors wide open.

"It is an open invitation. What we are seeing is that it is like going to Woolies - they can pick and choose what they want.

"At least make it harder for offenders to gain entry."

Sen Sgt Watterson said thieves targeted items such as mobile phones, iPods and lap-top computers, "things which can be converted to cash quickly".

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