

## OUTLOOK

Crime overall has decreased significantly, and as more businesses adopt good security practices criminals are turning to residential properties that present a weak security presence.

17<sup>th</sup> August 2024 begins the 44<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Summit of SADC Heads of State and Government meeting in Harare Zimbabwe. This will be held at the New Parliament building according to the SADC website <https://www.sadc.int/node/4959>. During this time, it is suspected to see areas of congested traffic, and roadblocks set in place.

## GENERAL ADVISORY

Our advice to residents is to be aware of the areas around Rainbow towers, HICC, New Parliament, Heroes acre, University of Zimbabwe, and Geo Pomona. If you see any convoys promptly get off the road, and do not take pictures of any personnel, vehicle movement, or sites for the meetings and events.

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## OVERVIEW

- Criminal incidents have decreased 19.48% since June. All provinces except Bulawayo and Masvingo have experienced less crime since June.
- 33.8% of all incidents targeted residential premises. This is an increase of 1.8% from June.
- Most criminal activity reported is between 1700 – 0500hrs.
- Weak perimeters are the primary concern, and properties with security systems not activated or maintained.
- 38.7% of incidents in July resulted in a loss of property which correlates to 0.001% of Safeguard clients experiencing a loss of property on site for the month of July.
- Most clients who have experienced loss of property but utilized alarm systems and rapid response services have seen minimal loss of property.
- Armed robberies have decreased since June.
- The use of firearms remains a constant around those incidents targeting cash.

## MODUS OPERANDI/METHOD OF EXECUTION AND TARGETED ITEMS



### Common Access Points

- Sections of Durawall with easy access over the top or electric fencing or razor wire in disrepair.
- Durawall with topguarding is being bypassed by breaking weak sections of the wall.
- Roof where there is easy access to it .
- Doors and windows that are not secure, and burglar bars that are easy to bend.



### Tools and Weapons

- Angle grinders
- Bolt cutters
- Explosives
- Pistols
- Rifles
- Machetes
- Knives



### Targeted Items

- Money
- Laptops
- Cell Phones
- Solar inverters and solar batteries
- Diesel Fuel
- Vehicle Batteries

## HIGH RISK SITUATIONS

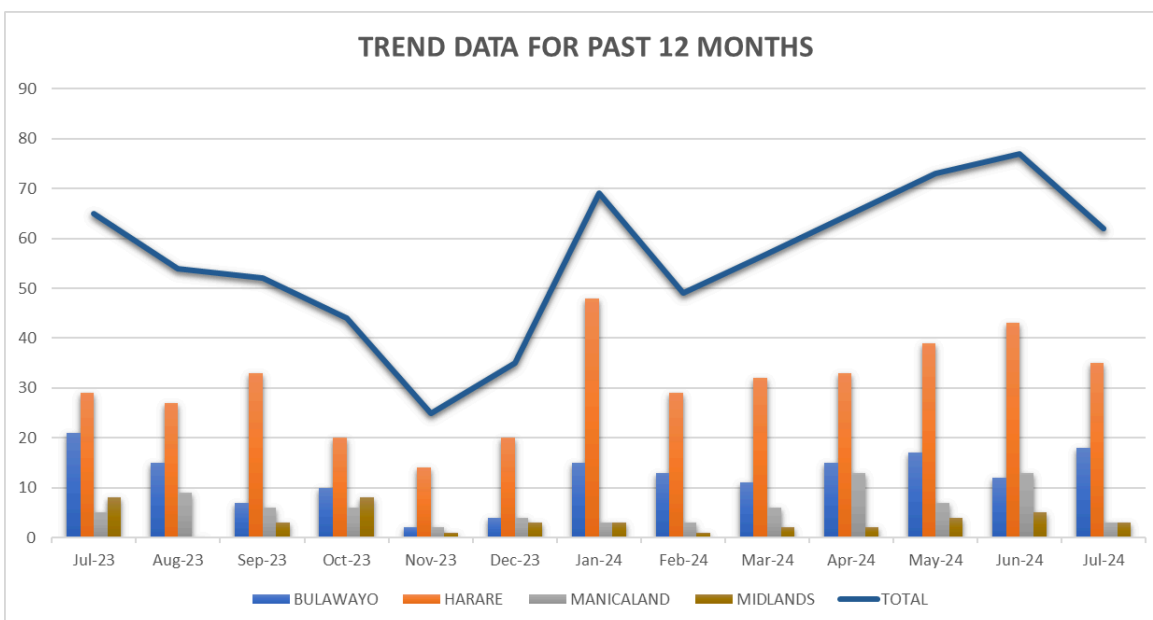
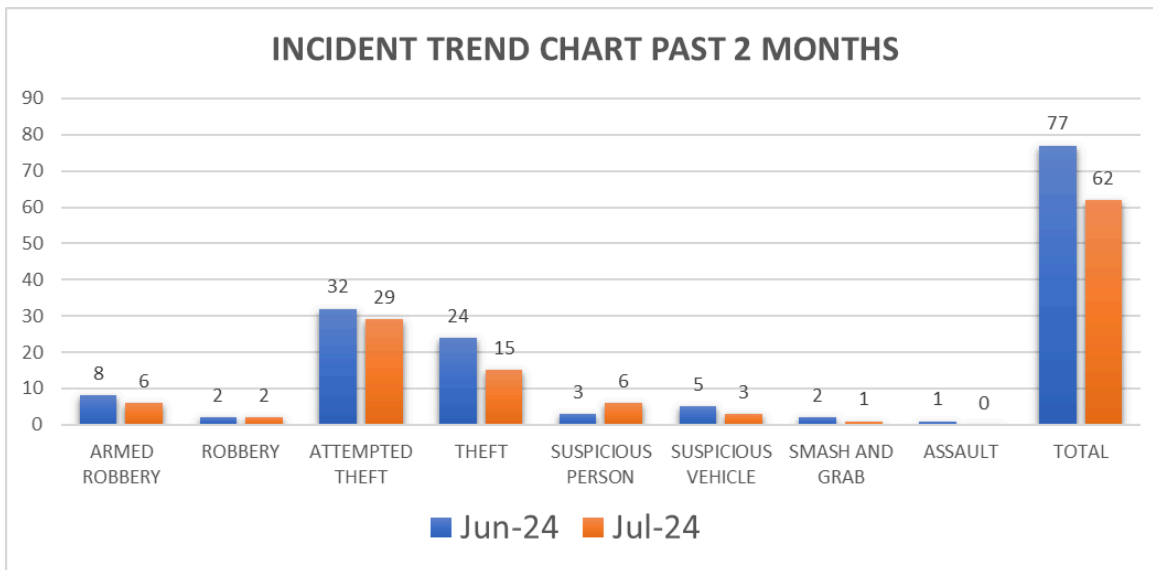
#### Business Sites:

- Businesses who keep large sums of cash on site.
- Fuel storage tanks that are unsecured.
- Weak perimeter and detection.
- Roofs that do not have motion sensors installed.

#### Residential Sites:

- Weak perimeter and easy access.
- Alarm systems not armed.
- Weak window, door locks, and barriers.
- Cottages on property with no alarm coverage.
- Houses undergoing renovations with no security measures on site.

## CRIME STATS



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**The Safeguard Team**

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