



GRANDE PRAIRIE RCMP NEWSLETTER

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

As we enter into spring and summer, Grande Prairie RCMP want homeowners to consider Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles when planning their home renovations, spring yard clean up and seasonal maintenance projects.

CPTED is an internationally recognized tool to help promote growth in communities and reduce opportunities for crime to take place. Making recommended adjustments to a home or business can deter criminals by making it more difficult or less desirable to commit the crime. It can also make you feel safer.

Things to Remember:

- **Trim your trees and shrubs** – Trimming the bottoms of trees allow clear sight lines from inside your house to the curb or edge of the property. In addition, keeping your bushes and shrubs short removes potential hiding places.
- **Lighting** – Consider installing LED or motion sensor lights around your property. Ensuring your house is adequately lit at night deters criminals for fear of being seen. Solar powered lights are a great option to light up the most remote places on your property. Also leaving lights on in the house when away can provide the illusion that someone is home.
- **Cameras** – Install exterior cameras around your property. Even the perception of someone watching can be enough to deter a crime.
- **Lock up your outdoor valuables** – After a long day of yard work, store your lawn mower and other tools in a locked shed or garage and out of sight.
- **Ask someone to maintain the property while you are away**
- **Do not forget to follow [#9PMRoutine](#) / [Lock It](#) as part of your nightly routine**

For more tips and information, visit the Alberta RCMP CPTED video playlist on YouTube here:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcKXZtPXANcruAdyWOrXnHqQ3DdG_hcd7

Follow RCMP social media accounts on Twitter @RCMPAlberta, Facebook @RCMPinAlberta, and YouTube @RCMP-GRC Alberta.

RCMP encourage the public to report any criminal or suspicious activity to police. Reports tell us where to look, who to look for, and where to patrol in the future. If you see a crime in progress, dial 911. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play.

Spring Into Safe Traveling

Spring is now upon us and the Grande Prairie RCMP encourages the public to plan their route ahead of time and to be careful to avoid behaviours that increase the risk of collisions.

Traffic safety is a shared responsibility for both driver and passenger. This includes the following tips for staying safe on the roads:

- **Don't go** – If the weather is poor, it is better to postpone your trip and wait for the weather to improve.
- **Plan ahead** – Decide on your route before you go and choose the safest route possible.
- **Check out websites** 511.alberta.ca or dial 511 for up-to-date information on road conditions
- **Be prepared** – Always carry an emergency kit stocked with the essentials you may need should you get stranded, to keep warm, fed, safe and hydrated.
- **Give it time** – Leave extra time between appointments to ensure you get to where you need to be on time and without the need to rush.
- **Maintain a safe following distance** – Slippery roads mean extra distance is needed to stop
- **Watch your speed** – Keep your speed right for the conditions; often this means well below the posted speed limit
- **Lights on**: Ensure that you head and tail lights are on and not just your running lights
- **Avoid distractions** – Distractions are hazardous even during the best weather. Focus your full attention to the road ahead, and driving.

Driving Home the Use of Manners

Speeding and aggressive driving is never worth the risk. *Aggressive driving is any unsafe driving behaviours that is being performed deliberately or with disregard to the safety of others.*

Follow these tips to navigate the roadway safely if you encounter an aggressive driver:

- **Do not replicate the aggressive driving and follow the vehicle.**
- **Avoid making rude comments, obscene gestures or honking your horn aggressively.**
- **Do not follow an aggressive driver and try to confront them.**
- **If the aggressive driver confronts you, stay calm**

Speeding and driving aggressively reduces the amount of time drivers have to react to unexpected hazards, which puts the driver and all other users of the roadway at risk.

If you see aggressive or dangerous driving, report it to Grande Prairie RCMP or your local police when it is safe to do so. It is helpful to include the location or direction of travel of the vehicle, a description of the driver and vehicle, including license plate, colour, make and model.





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Cops In the Community



Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City		Rural	
	March 2022	March 2023	March 2022	March 2023
Break & Enter	30	32	7	9
Theft of Motor Vehicle	26	35	10	8
Theft From Motor Vehicle	36	30	8	5
Possession of Stolen Property	17	29	5	7

*Crime statistics cover the period of March 1 through March 31, 2023 and are compared to the same period of the previous year. Note: The figures in the chart are raw and may be changed by our review process. They do not represent our final, official crime statistics.

All Events	City		Rural	
	March 2022	March 2023	March 2022	March 2023
Total Police Events	3208	3233	515	578

*Police events represent all police calls for service, officer generated files and traffic infractions. Note: These do not represent our final, official crime statistics

Online Crime Reporting
<https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/alberta/en>

Crime Mapping
 Grande Prairie City
<https://www.cityofgp.com/city-services/emergency/rcmp/rcmp-crime-map>
 County of Grande Prairie
<https://rcmp-k-div.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=572cd3cf20e4d5b7bc09065bf79ce0ac>



TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
 call the **Grande Prairie RCMP** at 780-830-5700
 or your local police detachment.



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