



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.

Thieves Converting Property To Cash

Similar to other areas in Alberta, Grande Prairie RCMP continue to see catalytic converter thefts as a rising crime trend and want to remind owners of some crime prevention tips.

Predominantly a crime of opportunity, thieves target catalytic converters specifically due to the precious metals found inside which are sold for quick cash. Catalytic converters do not have serial numbers on them, which makes them very difficult to trace and return to an owner. Most of these stolen parts are taken to scrap dealers or scrap yards and sold for the metals they contain.

Grande Prairie RCMP are providing the following tips that may deter this kind of theft:

- **Park in well-lit areas that are close to buildings entrances, when possible.**
- **If you have a garage, park your vehicle inside and keep all garage doors locked.**
- **Business owners should secure their vehicles behind locked fences or inside locked buildings**
- **A vehicle alarm sensitive to vibration or other security measures.**
- **Engrave your vehicle identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter, which will help return it in the event it is stolen**
- **Invest in a clamp or cage for the converter**

If you see anyone underneath a vehicle or around a resident/business at odd hours of day or night, report it to your local police.

If you have any information on property crimes in your area, you are encouraged to contact Grande Prairie RCMP at 780-830-5701 or your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8444 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using “P3 Tips” app available through the Apple App or the Google Play Store.





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Out Of the Forest and Into the Trees

On April 18, 2022, at 14:05 p.m. the Grande Prairie RCMP received a report of two lost hikers in the area of Evergreen Park in Grande Prairie. An Officer was able to communicate with one of the hikers by cell phone and had them share their location on their phone. This enabled the officer to obtain a GPS location of the hikers.

With the assistance of County Enforcement, two officers were able to utilize their all-terrain vehicles to drive into the forested area and locate the hikers. The hikers, who did not sustain any injuries, were then transported to where they had parked their vehicle.

Grande Prairie RCMP would like to remind hikers that before heading out, ensure you are well prepared, that someone knows where you are going, and you are dressed for the weather. Hiking areas do not need to be remote to find oneself turned around and unable to find their way out.

Recreational Vehicle Thefts

During the summer months, there are so many activities to participate in and around Grande Prairie, which can include riding off-highway vehicles. A rise in the amount of recreational vehicles out and about can unfortunately bring an increased amount of thefts reported to the Grande Prairie RCMP.

Grande Prairie RCMP want to remind residents to safely store and protect their off-highway vehicles.



- At the end of the day, ensure garages, sheds, and doors are locked for the night.
- When you are finished using a recreational vehicle, lock it up in a garage or shed.
- If you do not have a shed, always park your recreational vehicle in a well lit spot and chained to something.
- Document serial numbers, license plate, and engrave your off-highway vehicles for identification purposes.
- Take pictures and keep a detailed list of your property, which includes make/model.
- Invest in surveillance cameras.

By following these tips consistently, it could deter a theft from occurring.

Grande Prairie At A Glance

Offence Type	City		Rural	
	April 2021	April 2022	April 2021	April 2022
Break & Enter	19	42	8	6
Theft of Motor Vehicle	20	18	5	1
Theft From Motor Vehicle	42	35	1	4
Possession of Stolen Property	18	11	2	2

*Crime statistics cover the period of April 1 through April 30, 2022 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	
	April 2021	April 2022	April 2021	April 2022
Total Police Events	2239	2547	427	481

*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=572cd3cf20ed45b7bc09065bf79ce0ac>



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



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