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# A Message FROM CRIME STOPPERS

Dear Readers,

On behalf of our dedicated volunteer board members, we'd like to take this opportunity wish you all the very best of the holiday season.

As 2020 comes to a close, the team at Crime Stoppers of Edmonton and Northern Alberta is working hard to ensure our anonymous tip service continues. Our organization relies solely on private donations to help law enforcement prevent and solve crime.

If you are able to, please consider making a donation to help fight crime – you can find out how on page 20. We would be so pleased to have your support.

It is our goal to help make our communities a safer place for all of us to live, work, and play.

And speaking of keeping us safe, we'd like to also thank all the first responders, front-line and essential workers for their continued dedication and sacrifices during these unprecedented times.

Thank you for reading our magazine. Here's hoping your holiday is healthy and safe. We wish you all the best in 2021.

~Crime Stoppers of Edmonton and Northern Alberta

# CRIME STOPPERS JANUARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30 2020 STATISTICS

- **▶ 4,073**Tips Received
- ► 117
  Persons Arrested
- ► **\$292,284** In Property, Drugs, & Cash Seized
- ► **371** Charges Laid

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# **Happy Holidays**

from Crime Stoppers of Edmonton and Northern Alberta



As winter conditions set in across our provincial roads, the Alberta RCMP wants to ensure you and your little ones are properly buckled up. During the colder months, there is an increased risk of motor vehicle collisions due to snow and ice – when used correctly, child car seats can save lives and reduce injury.

"It is the responsibility of parents and caretakers to ensure young passengers are correctly harnessed and buckled in," says Supt. Rick Gardner, Alberta Traffic Sheriffs. "That is why it is so important that motorists be educated on child seat safety."

#### Did you know...

- 🗸 By law, children under six years of age, weighing 18 kg (40 lb) or less, must be properly restrained in a car seat. (Alberta Seatbelts, 2014)
- 🚺 It is highly recommended that children over the age of six use a booster seat until they reach the maximum height and weight (as stated by the manufacturer) and a seat belt fits properly. (Saferoads, 2020)
- 🕢 A child safety seat must have a Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (CMVSS) sticker on it to prove it meets national safety standards. (Alberta Health Services, 2019)
- It is not recommended that you purchase a pre-owned car seat as they may be damaged, recalled, or expired, and may not meet current safety standards. (Alberta Health Services, 2019)
- When used properly, child safety seats can reduce the risk of fatal injury by 71% and the risk of serious injury by 67%. (Government of Alberta, 2020)



"Last November, Alberta RCMP issued 12 tickets to motorists for failing to properly restrain young passengers," says Supt. Gary Graham, Alberta RCMP Traffic Services. "Your children look to you to keep them safe on the roads always take the time to buckle them up and make their safety your priority."



# **Keeping Kids Safe Online While Out** of School

Source: Cybertip.ca

With school closures due to COVID-19, children who are at home will potentially have more unrestricted time online. The Canadian Centre for Child Protection, through its program Cybertip.ca, is urging families to have conversations about internet safety and to work together to implement strategies that ensures everyone's digital well-being.

#### What should parents be aware of?

- Your child may want to spend increased time connecting with friends by live streaming or video chatting. Talk to your child about the ease by which screengrabs and video recordings from live streams or video chats can be saved and used against tweens to embarrass or harm them, even by people they know. Be mindful that some live stream apps/platforms feature private messaging where anyone can direct message your child. To learn more about the risks of live streaming and ways to safeguard kids, visit protectkidsonline.ca/live.
- Online gaming is another way your child may want to connect with friends and pass the time. Like live streaming, gaming platforms can open kids up to receiving chats or private messages from people they don't know in real life. For example, Cybertip.ca released an alert regarding the popular multi-player website Roblox after receiving reports concerning requests to meet up in person, and/or sexually suggestive chat messages being sent to children under the age of 12 within the game. For more information on online gaming concerns, and what you can do, read the blog Glitching Out on ProtectKidsOnline.ca.
- TikTok is a hugely popular app for tweens and teens, and they may want to spend more time creating and posting content. Teens may be tempted to take risks or act explicitly to get more followers or likes on a video. This can also be heightened by TikTok challenges, which are created by TikTok and the community itself. While most are just silly viral trends or marketing schemes, some can be dangerous. Read more about TikTok and how to keep tweens/teen safe while using it on our blog, A Quick Guide to TikTok.

In the past two years, Cybertip.ca analysts have classified 600 reports as luring — adults communicating online with a child for a sexual purpose — through a variety of apps and services such as Facebook/Messenger, Instagram, Snapchat, Kik, and online gaming platforms. Learn more about the ways in which offenders attempt to gain access to children online by visiting cybertip.ca/grooming.

#### What can parents do?

- 1. Have regular conversations about online safety. This includes talking about the online games your kids are playing, the apps they're using, and who they are chatting with. For tips on how to get the discussion started, visit protectkidsonline.ca for age-appropriate ideas.
- 2. Set the expectation you will monitor your child's online activities, and work together to establish guidelines around texting, social media, live streaming, and gaming, such as who your child can do these things with and on what apps.
- 3. Become familiar with, or revisit the parental controls on computers, phones, and tablets. Some devices allow parents to limit access to specific apps, social media sites, internet content, and features available within the device.
- 4. For younger children, help them create their login, password, and profile information ensuring it is set to private. For tweens and teens, know their username/character name and password, as well as the email address used to sign up for apps/games/social accounts.
- 5. Help tweens/teens set up privacy settings in apps/games/social accounts. With a private account, users can approve or deny followers/friends, restrict who can view their content and profile information, and limit incoming messages to followers/friends only. Work together to decide who to accept as followers/friends.
- 6. Tell your child that if they come across something or someone while chatting/messaging/texting that makes them feel uncomfortable, they can tell you without fear of getting in trouble or losing online privileges. Remind them that their safety is what is most important to you.
- 7. If you see, read, or hear anything sexual from an adult towards your

child online, report it to Cybertip.ca. And remember, there's no amount of online filters or safety controls that can replace parental supervision and communication.

Visit protectkidsonline.ca for more information on kids' online interests, the potential risks, and points to help parents talk about online safety with kids no matter what their age.



The holiday shopping season is upon us, and during the pandemic, people have been doing more and more shopping online. The Alberta RCMP would like to remind people to protect their personal and financial information when purchasing things online.

Last year, there were over 1,200 reports of fraud greater than \$5,000; almost 6,000 reports of fraud less than or equal to \$5,000; and over 70 reports of unauthorized use of credit card data in Alberta RCMP jurisdiction.

#### Here are some tips for protecting yourself online:

- Don't purchase anything while using public Wi-Fi; shop using your own data connection or a trusted network.
- $\checkmark$  Research retailers before purchasing from them. Check for reviews and their return policy.
- ✓ Only purchase from sites using HTTPS rather than HTTP.
- If you've done some shopping already, watch your financial statements for any unauthorized purchases.
- Be sure to use strong passwords
- $\checkmark$  If a deal is too good to be true, it probably is.

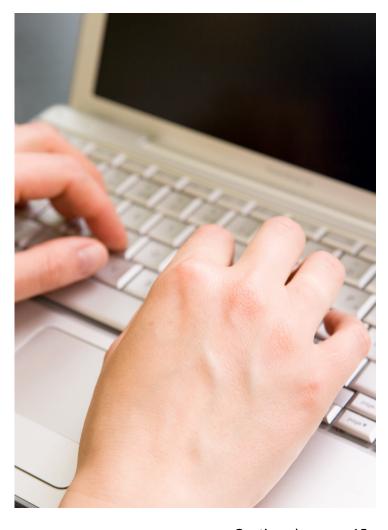


With kids spending more time online during COVID-19, individuals looking to exploit children online are sharing "best practices" for targeting and abusing children during this pandemic.

"They recommend parents monitor their kid's online activities even more strictly now (we know most will not). They recommend that parents ensure that their kids do not take phones, laptops, or tablets into their bedrooms or bathrooms (it is our goals to get them there)."

#### What should parents know?

- A capper is an individual who tricks kids into committing a sexual act over live stream while screen capturing or recording a video. Some cappers will use the child's images/videos to extort them for more sexual images or money.
- There are also those cappers who simply record the sexual act over live stream without ever disclosing to the youth they have done so. These cappers simply move on to their next target, using the material to elevate their status by exchanging it with other offenders online. The youth within the image/video may never know that sexual content of them is available online and/or being traded within the offender community.
- Cappers are sharing tips and tricks to successfully engage in this activity, including reading a "how to cap manual," how to use bait videos that trick children into believing they are chatting with a peer, and which platforms they have been the most successful on when trying to victimize children/youth.



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#### **How does this happen?**

- Often conversations start on popular platforms such as Instagram®, Snapchat®, Omegle™, Chatroulette™, or Skype® and then the capper will ask youth to move to another video chat platform.
- From there cappers may use a pre-recorded video for example a teenage girl taking off her clothes and asks the youth to do the same.
- Once the youth removes their clothes, or engages in a sexual act, the threats often begin almost immediately, notifying the youth the live stream has been recorded.
- Reports to Cybertip.ca indicate cappers will often screenshot the youth's friends list and send a screenshot of the video they took stating it will be released to friends and family if they don't comply.



#### What can parents do?

Now more than ever parents must not rely on content filters and parental controls; supervision, along with some additional measures are key:

- Talk to your child about the potential harm that can occur if you get naked on webcam. Once you do this, you have no idea what the person you are communicating with may be doing to record and then possibly share the image/video with others.
- Talk to your child about red flag behaviours online such as attention bombing (persistence with staying in close contact) and chat that quickly escalates to being sexual in nature. Encourage your child to come to you if they notice these things.
- Have regular conversations about what apps, websites, and platforms your children are using, especially those that have live stream capabilities.
- Work together to establish guidelines around texting, social media, live streaming, and gaming, such as who your child can do these things with and on what apps. It's important to remember the platforms children intersect with need to be built with them in mind. This means proper age verification, moderation, and safety built into the design, such as platforms that do not allow children and adults to intermix without rules.
- Remind your child that their safety is what is most important to you, and if they come across something or someone online that makes them feel uncomfortable, they can come to you without fear of getting in trouble.
- If you see, read, or hear anything sexual from an adult towards your child online, report it to Cybertip.ca.

For additional online safety information and resources, visit **protectchildren.ca/covid** and for more information on offender tactics and warning signs, go to **cybertip.ca/sextortion**.

#### **BEHIND THE SCENES:**

# Alberta RCMP Strategic Analysis and Research Unit

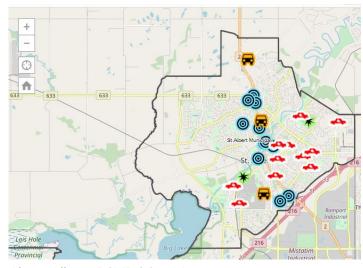
Source: Alberta RCMP

The Strategic Analysis and Research Unit (SARU) provides a strategic, or big picture, analysis of crime to the Alberta RCMP.

Strategic Crime Analysts look at crime at a divisional, detachment, and community-based level. SARU takes crime data from across the province and is able to identify emerging trends, hot spots, repeat offenders, repeat victims, as well as areas within the province that would benefit from enhanced policing initiatives.

Project Lock Up, Public Crime Mapping, Data and Innovation, and Wanted Wednesday are all great examples of crime reduction programs that have either been developed by, or receive their information from, SARU.

SARU is heavily involved in the Alberta RCMPS's Crime Reduction strategy. By analyzing large amounts of crime data, SARU is able to identify the criminals who are causing the most harm to Albertans based on the frequency, amount, and types of crimes committed.

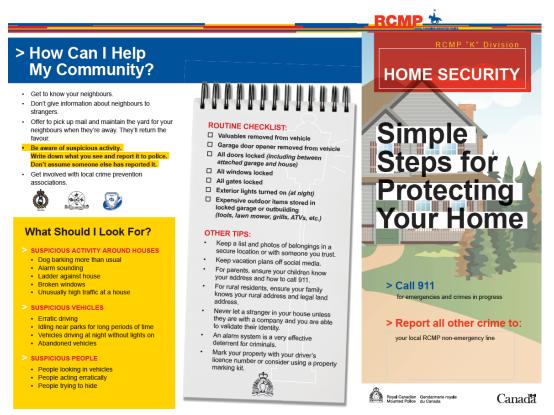


Above: Alberta RCMP Crime Map

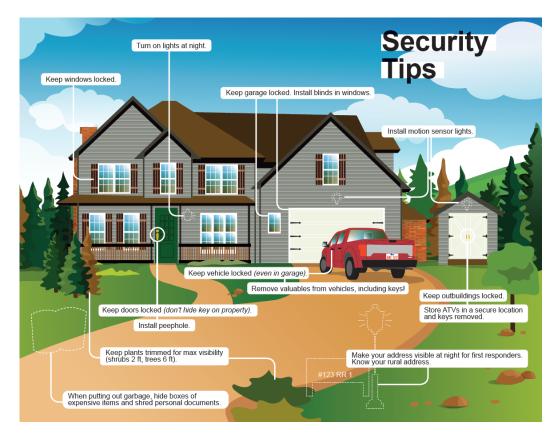
"By analyzing large amounts of crime data, SARU is able to identify the criminals who are causing the most harm to Albertans based on the frequency, amount, and types of crimes committed."

This information is then passed on to individual detachments and Crime Reduction Units in order to ensure these specific offenders are being targeted through intelligence-led policing. SARU Analysts also use crime data to identify detachments in Alberta that have the greatest need for focused crime reduction efforts and interventions. These detachments are then brought into Data 2 Action - a divisional response group that aims to minimize crime in communities that require it most.

Rather than focusing on individual crimes that have occurred, SARU primarily focuses on the what. where, and when of crime trends. The Divisional Criminal Intelligence Section (DCAS) is a more tactical analysis unit focused on the who and how of crime; in contrast to SARU, DCAS paints a smaller, more detailed picture of crime, SARU provides numerous findings and tools to DCAS so that they can engage in a tactical analysis of the trends and issues that have been identified throughout the province.



(Photo courtesy of Alberta RCMP).



# BECOME A CRIME FIGHTER!

This year more than ever, we need YOUR support!

It's been a tough year, for everyone. And while, we are hopeful for a brighter 2021, we are asking you to join us in our mission to help law enforcement prevent and solve crime.

Did you know, that since 1983, Crime Stoppers of Edmonton and Northern Alberta has:

- helped solve homicides;
- reunited missing people with their loved ones;
- provided the whereabouts of wanted fugitives to police;
- assisted in taking over \$89 million in drugs, weapons and stolen property of the streets:
- contributed to over 8,000 arrests and 5,700 charges; and
- awarded over \$1.5 million to tipsters to thank the public for coming forward!

You can help make our communities safer in Edmonton and around Northern Alberta. **EVERY DOLLAR** makes a difference.

Donate online, by mail or phone - see the next page for all those details.

Please give a gift to Crime Stoppers today – every donation is eligible for a tax receipt. We cannot thank you enough for your support.

Because of donors like you, we are able to help solve crime and take criminals and drugs off the streets!



#### **HOW TO DONATE:**

Our work helps police in obtaining valuable information about the whereabouts of unlawfully at large individuals, stolen property, illicit drugs and illegal weapons. **Please consider a donation to help Crime Stoppers:** 

- Donate online at crimestoppers.ab.ca/edmonton
- 2 Call **780-421-1122**
- Or **cut out the card below** & mail it to our address.

# Thank you for your support

# DONATION CARD Please pull out this page and send to: Crime Stoppers Association of Edmonton and Northern Alberta P.O. BOX 76089 Edmonton, AB T6H 5Y7 NAME: ADDRESS: CITY: POSTAL CODE: E-MAIL: PHONE: METHOD OF PAYMENT: CHEQUE VISA MASTERCARD AMOUNT: CARD NUMBER: SIGNATURE:

For office use: Cheque #/ Authorization #: \_\_\_\_\_

# **PROTECT YOURSELF FROM** SCAMS & FRAUD

Source: Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

Scammers can target any Canadian or Canadian business. Here are some tips and tricks to protect yourself or your business from scams and fraud.

Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it is.



#### DON'T BE AFRAID TO SAY NO

Don't be intimidated by high-pressure sales tactics. If a telemarketer tries to get you to buy something or to send them money right away:

- Request the information in writing
- Hang up

Watch out for urgent pleas that play on your emotions.



#### **DO YOUR RESEARCH**

Always verify that the organization you're dealing with is legitimate before you take any other action:

- Verify Canadian charities with the Canada Revenue Agency
- Verify collection agencies with the appropriate provincial agency
- Look online for contact information for the company that supposedly called you, and call them to confirm
- Verify any calls with your credit card company by calling the phone number on the back of your credit card

If you've received a call or other contact from a family member in trouble, talk to other family members to confirm the situation.

Watch out for fake or deceptive ads, or spoofed emails. Always verify the company and its services are real before you contact them.



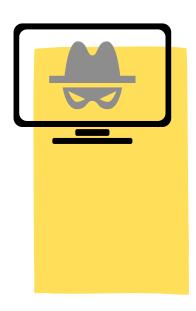
#### **DON'T GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Beware of unsolicited calls where the caller asks you for personal information, such as:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your birthdate
- Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Your credit card or banking information

If you didn't initiate the call, you don't know who you're talking to.

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#### **PROTECT YOUR COMPUTER**

Watch out for urgent-looking messages that pop up while you're browsing online. Don't click on them or call the number they provide.

No legitimate company will call and claim your computer is infected with a virus.

Some websites, such as music, game, movie, and adult sites, may try to install viruses or malware without your knowledge.

Watch out for emails with spelling and formatting errors an be wary of clicking on any attachments or links. They may contain viruses or spyware.

Make sure you have anti-virus software installed and keep your operating system up to date.

Never give anyone remote access to your computer. If you are having problems with your system, bring it to a local technician.





#### **BEWARE OF UP FRONT FEES**

Many scams request you to pay fees in advance of receiving goods, services, or a prize. It's illegal for a company to ask you to pay a fee upfront before they'll give you a loan.

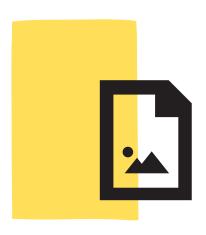
There are no prize fees or taxes in Canada. If you won it, it's free.



#### **PASSWORD PROTECTION**

In order to prevent fraud and data breaches, here are some tips to create strong passwords:

- Use a minimum of 8 characters including upper and lower case letters, and at least 1 number and a symbol
- Create unique passwords for every online account including social networks, emails, financial and other accounts
- Use combination passphrases that are easy for you to remember but hard for others to guess
- Don't be too revealing over social media



#### **BE CAREFUL WHO YOU SHARE IMAGES WITH**

Carefully consider who you're sharing explicit videos and photographs with. Don't perform any explicit acts online.

Disable your webcam or any other camera connected to the internet when you aren't using it. Hackers can get remote access and record you.





# THE CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING TIPS FOR BUSINESSES.



#### KNOW WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH

Watch out for invoices using the name of legitimate companies. Scammers will use real company names like Yellow Pages to make the invoices seem authentic. Make sure you inspect invoices thoroughly before you make a payment.

Compile a list of companies your business uses to help employees know which contacts are real and which aren't.



#### **LIMIT YOUR EMPLOYEES' AUTHORITY**

Only allow a small number of staff to approve purchases and pay bills.



# DON'T GIVE OUT INFORMATION ON UNSOLICITED CALLS

Educate employees at every level to be wary of unsolicited calls. If they didn't initiate the call, they shouldn't provide or confirm any information, including:

- The business's address
- The business's phone number
- Any account numbers
- Any information about equipment in the office (e.g., make and model of the printer, etc.)



#### WATCH FOR ANOMALIES

Beware of:

- Larger than normal orders
- Multiple orders for the same product
- Orders made up of "big-ticket" items

These orders may be fraudulent.

For more information visit www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.



#### THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 **FRAUD IN CANADA**

MARCH 6 - SEPT. 30, 2020

**REPORTS OF COVID-19 FRAUD:** 

**5242** 

**VICTIMS OF COVID-19 FRAUD:** 

**3922** 

**LOST TO COVID-19 FRAUD:** 

\$6.2 M

#### THE IMPACT OF FRAUD IN **CANADA IN GENERAL**

AS OF SEPT. 30, 2020

**REPORTS OF COVID-19 FRAUD:** 

39,696

(47,389 in 2019)

**VICTIMS OF FRAUD:** 

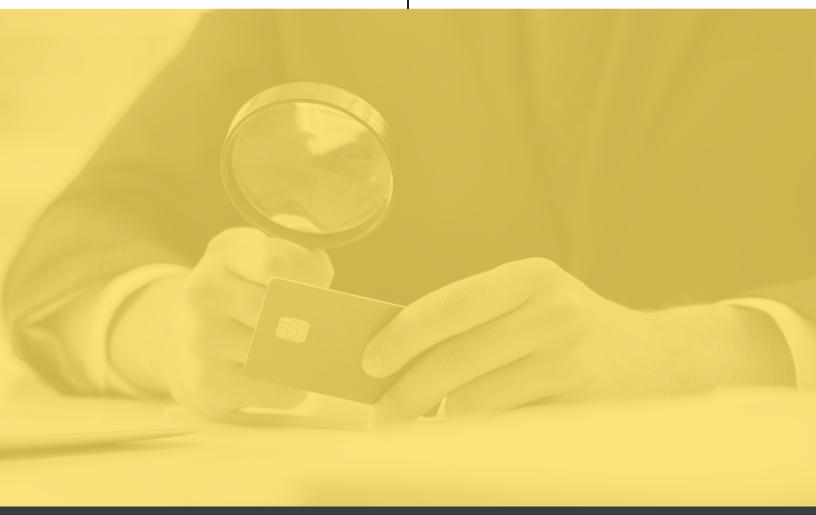
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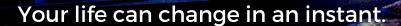
(19,927 in 2019)

**LOST TO FRAUD:** 

\$67.2 M

(\$102.5 M in 2019)





# DON'T DRIVE HIGH

Source: Government of Canada

#### Drug-impaired driving is dangerous.

There's a lot going on around you when you drive. You need to be totally focussed so that if a split-second - and potentially life-saving decision needs to be made, you're ready for it.

Drugs affect your ability to react and increase the chance of a crash. Don't get behind the wheel or get in a car with an impaired driver it's just not worth the risk.

It is illegal to drive impaired. Drug-impaired driving can put you, your passengers and anyone sharing the road with you in danger and for that reason, it's a serious criminal offense that can result in heavy fines and jail time. Don't risk a criminal record. Understand the legal consequences of driving high and do your part to plan ahead so you can get home safely.

#### Driving high has serious consequences:

1. "Canada has 1,200+ Drug Recognition Experts trained to spot impaired drivers"

- 2. "Law enforcement is trained to spot impaired drivers - SFST (Standard Field Sobriety Testing) -14,400+ trained SFST officers"
- 3. "Driving high has consequences. Having prohibited levels of impairing drugs in your blood within two hours of driving is a criminal offence"
- 4. "The law isn't hazy 2-5 ng THC per ml of blood - up to \$1000 fine"
- 5. "Drug-impaired driving laws apply to cars, trucks, boats, aircrafts and every other motor vehicle"
- 6. "The law isn't hazy 5 ng or more THC per ml of blood - up to 10 years imprisonment"





#### **6 REASONS NOT TO DRIVE HIGH**

- You could hurt or kill someone you care about
- You could get in a crash, hurt yourself or die
- You could hurt or kill an innocent stranger
- You could get arrested and face trial
- · You could get your license suspended
- You could get a criminal record
- Impaired driving is 100% preventable!
- Drug-impaired driving is not a game
- It's a dangerous decision that can have serious consequences. Drugs impair your ability to drive by making it harder to focus on the road and make quick, potentially life-saving decisions. Do your part to get home safe.

#### **FAST FACTS**

If you drive high, you could hurt or kill any passenger in your vehicle — including yourself. You could also hurt or kill an innocent stranger, and even face a criminal record. Driving while impaired is entirely preventable. Learn the facts to understand how your actions could be a danger to others, and the legal consequences you could face.

#### **EVERY 3 HOURS:**

How often a drug-impaired driving incident is recorded in Canada.

#### **IT'S ILLEGAL:**

You could face consequences like a fine, criminal charges, even jail time.

#### **OVER 1 IN 4:**

Number of cannabis users who reported having driven under the influence.

#### **INCREASES LIKELIHOOD:**

Marijuana increases your chances of being in a crash.

# Drugs impair your ability to drive by affecting:

- balance and coordination
- motor skills
- attention
- judgment
- reaction time
- decision-making skills

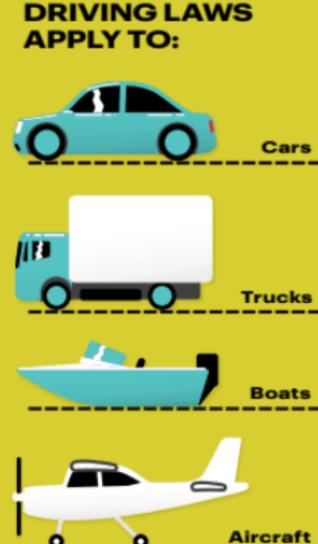
# Drug-impaired driving is

# ILLEGAL



And that's incredibly dangerous, since drugs affect your ability to concentrate, make decisions and react quickly<sup>2</sup> when driving. Drug-impaired driving is also a criminal offence, with serious consequences.

Don't risk a criminal record. Understand and follow Canada's impaired driving laws to stay safe when you're on the road.



and every other motor vehicle3

DRUG-IMPAIRED

LAW ENFORCEMENT IS TRAINED TO SPOT DRUG-IMPAIRED

DREs
Drug
Recognition
Experts

1,200+ certified DREs in Canada<sup>4</sup>

## **HAVE INFO ABOUT A CRIME?**

#### REPORT IT ANONYMOUSLY

# HOW DO I REPORT A CRIME?

Crime Stoppers exists primarily as a means of collecting information from the public – anonymously.

Tipsters contact Crime Stoppers by phone or online through the p3tips website or by downloading the app.

When you use any of these methods, you will be given a unique tipster number. This number should be kept secret and recorded, as it is how you will be able to follow up on your tip to either add additional information or check to see if there was a reward.

# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT TO MY TIP?

Crime Stoppers takes the information given by the tipster and distributes it to the appropriate law enforcement agency (i.e. to the Edmonton Police Service in Edmonton and the RCMP in Northern Alberta).

## AM I REALLY ANONYMOUS?

We do everything we can to protect your anonymity because we know that by disclosing important information about a crime, having your identity revealed might put you at risk. The only time your anonymity may be open to challenge is in the following situations:

- A call to Crime Stoppers made with the intention of "furthering criminal activity or interfering with the administration of justice".
- A party who is guilty of a crime cannot use Crime Stoppers to try to divert the blame onto someone else.
- Crime Stoppers cannot be used to try to "frame" an innocent person.
- There is evidence that disclosure of some or all of a tip is necessary to establish someone's innocence.
- A tipster having received the benefit of full legal advice may, for his or her own reasons, elect to waive the privilege.
- A full and more detailed explanation of these principles can be found on the Canadian Crime Stoppers website – canadiancrimestoppers.org.

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN ARREST IS MADE?

If the tip information helped the police make an arrest, the officer on the file will submit a form to the Crime Stoppers board stating this.

The board meets monthly to review the solved cases and determine a reward amount (between \$50 and \$2,000) for the tipster. At this point, a note is made on the file.

# HOW DO I CHECK MY TIP?

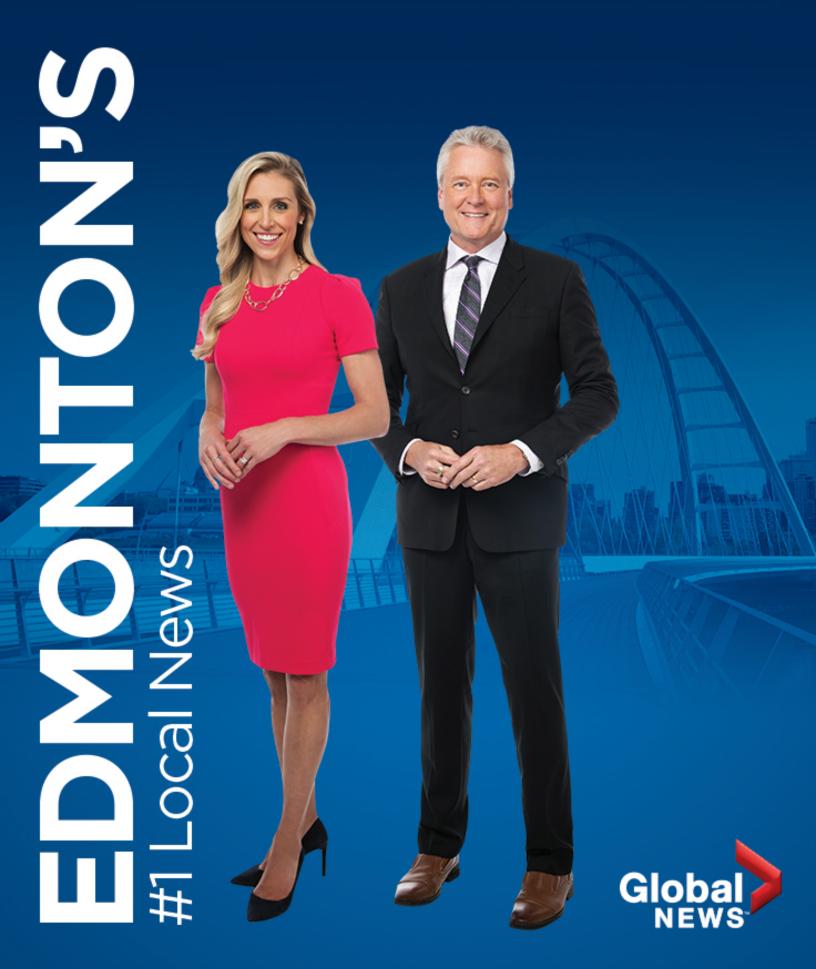
To check whether your tip has become eligible for a reward, you must call the tipline (1-800-222-8477) and provide your tipster number. The call taker will check to see if a reward has been authorized for that tip.

# IF MY TIP RECEIVES A REWARD, HOW DO I PICK IT UP?

Crime Stoppers works with ATB Financial to distribute the tip rewards. If your tip received a reward, you will be able to choose any ATB branch in Alberta to pick up your reward.

The branch will prepare an unmarked envelope with cash. You can walk into the branch, simply provide your tipster number, and walk out with the money. Your tipster number is the only information they ask for – another reason why it is important to keep this number secret so that no one else can pick up your reward.





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