

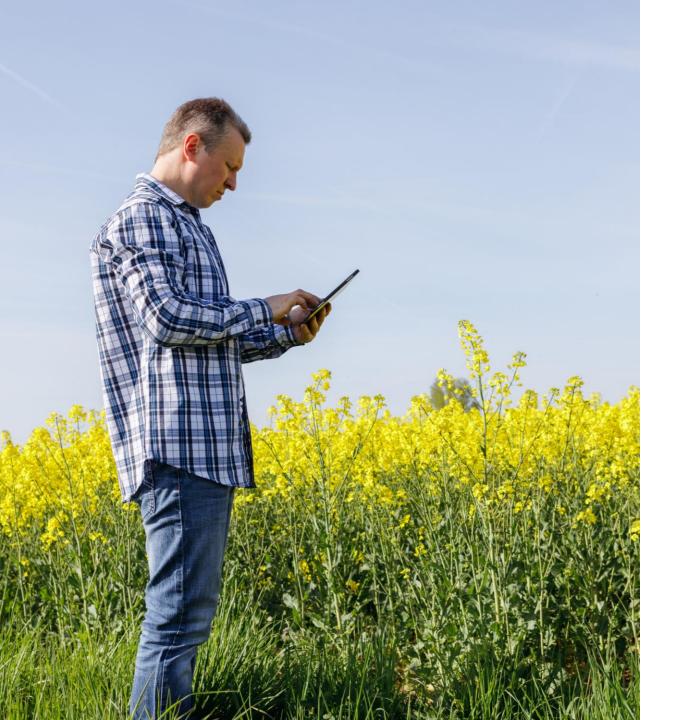
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Growing Community Safety
OFA Lunch & Learn June 2024



Introducing Crime Stoppers

- Created in September 1976
- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Homicide solved within days
- Partnership between Police, Media, Public
- Charitable/Not For Profit organizations
- Each program reflects needs of its community



How to use Crime Stoppers

- Toll free number or webtip
- Anonymous & confidential
- Tipsters never have to speak to police or testify in court
- · Cash rewards if an arrest is made
- Not a police organization arms-length relationship
- Act as an intermediary between Police and Public
- Volunteer Board of Directors

Why not call the police?

Crime Stoppers is for those who:

- Want anonymity
- Want their information to be confidential
- Don't want to have to give a statement to police
- Don't want a cruiser to attend their home or to attend police detachment
- Don't want to have to testify in court

If you are ok with this – go ahead and contact police.





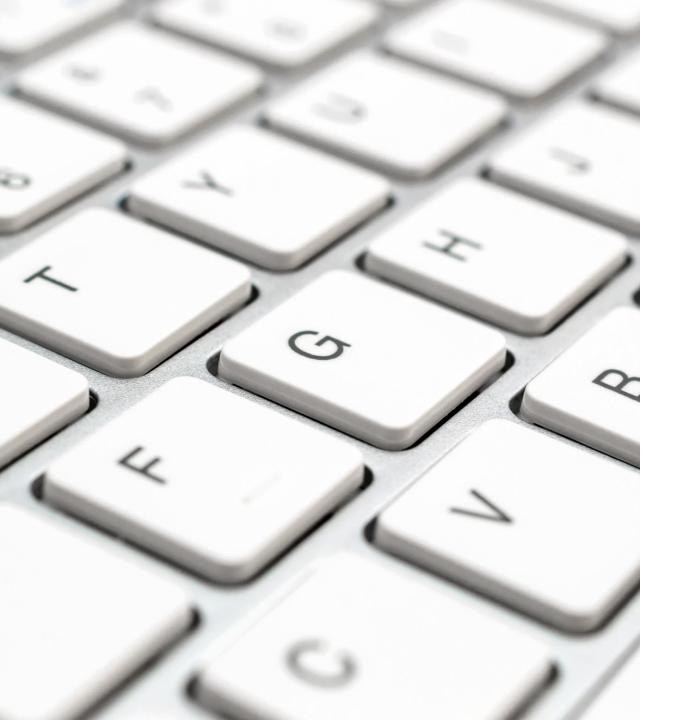
Don't call if....

- You are the victim of the crime
- If it's an emergency
 - Call 911

How to provide a Tip

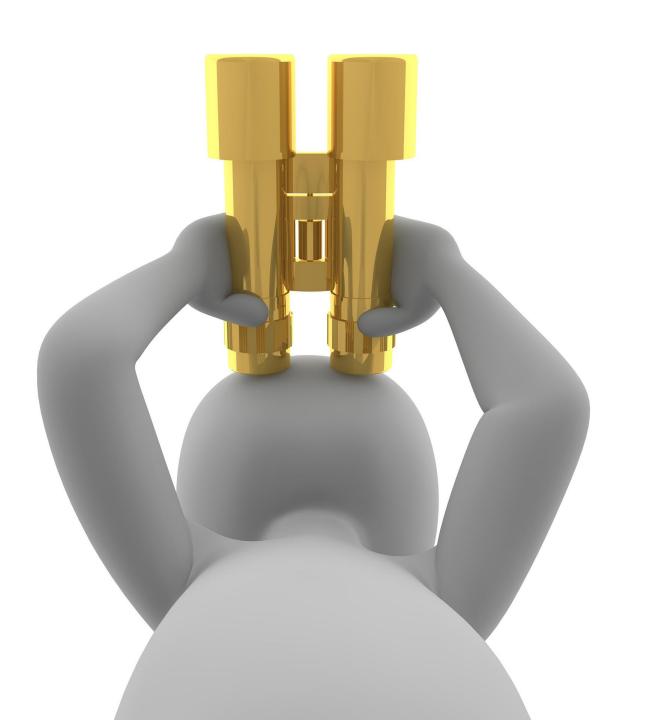
- Call 1-800-222-TIPS or www.csgw.tips
- Provide as much information as you know about the crime you are reporting on
- Do NOT investigate to obtain more information
- Webtip software is developed for Crime Stoppers, designed to keep you anonymous





What happens to my Tip?

- Tip is sanitized
- Every Tip is forwarded to investigators (police/bylaw/Ministry)
- Information is investigated
- If information leads to evidence, warrant can be obtained



When will Crime Stoppers contact me?

Never

What about the Reward?

- Qualify for a cash reward if your information leads to an arrest
- Crime Stoppers Tips have a 95% conviction rate
- Do not have to identify to get your cash reward



Crime Stats

- Very political and polarizing topic
- Pandemic saw an increase cyber crime
- Economy impacts crime
- Many believe it's up to police to address this
- Community Safety is a community investment





Crime on the Farm

Fraud

- Fraud is growing
- Shame prevents victims from coming forward
- Grossly under reported which allows the crime to continue
- Remove the stigma
- Report to Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

https://antifraudcentrecentreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm

1-888-495-8501

If you know who is committing Fraud – Crime Stoppers



2023 Fraud Stats Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

62,365 reports of Fraud (92,078 - 2022) 41,111 victims of Fraud (57,578 - 2022) \$554 million in losses (\$531 million - 2022)

It can happen to anyone!

Book your Fraud Talk - www.csgw.tips "Contact Us"

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Scams

- Grandparent scam
- Real estate
- Online purchases
- Spoofing
- Online marketplaces
- Phishing (links)
- Nonexistent vendors/buyers
- Go Fund Me





How to stop Fraud and Scams

- Talk about your experience with a scam
 - Remove the stigma & give awareness
- Deal with reputable, known vendors
- Don't click on links text or emails
- Slow down the conversation don't send money or give information
- Report scams to CAFC



Theft

- Rural properties are ideal targets for criminals
 - Low light, low traffic, more time to commit crime
- Fuel, tools, equipment, animals, crops, firearms
- Vehicles, tools, firearms are often used to commit other crimes
- Economy impacts crime

Montreal

Cattle rustling comes to Quebec as police investigate suspected theft of entire herd

Farmer never thought his entire herd could be taken at once



Morgan Lowrie · The Canadian Press · Posted: May 28, 2024 12:30 PM EDT | Last Updated: May 28





How to prevent Theft

- Lock it or Lose it
 - Convenience for you is super convenient for criminals
- Secure buildings, gates, fuel tanks, dwellings
- Lighting in buildings on timers and yard lights in key areas (fuel tanks, entrances)
- Cameras/security systems
 - High quality image is key
- Document serial numbers, etc. for investigators
- Monitor and maintenance
 - Make sure everything is locked/systems working
- Share concerns with neighbors

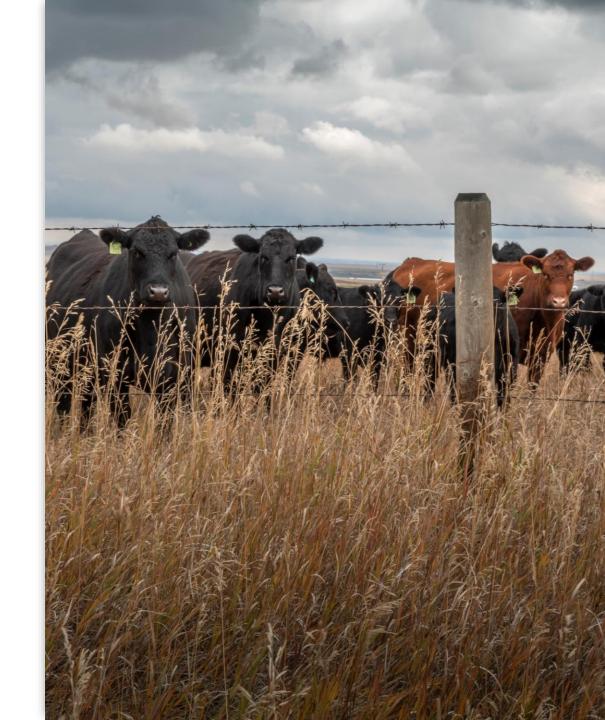


Human Trafficking

- Understanding of Labour Trafficking has increased
 - Women's Trucking Federation of Canada
 - Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking
- Agriculture, service industry, hospitality, construction, manufacturing, food processing
- Can result in trauma, illness, injury death
- Ask questions/use reputable labour providers

Trespassing

- Crop damage
- Illegal dumping
 - Environmental impacts, cost of clean-up and proper disposal of garbage, dangerous items such as weapons or evidence from crimes
- Hunting and fishing on private property
- Damage to property, animals, equipment
- Arson abandoned buildings, crops



Mischief

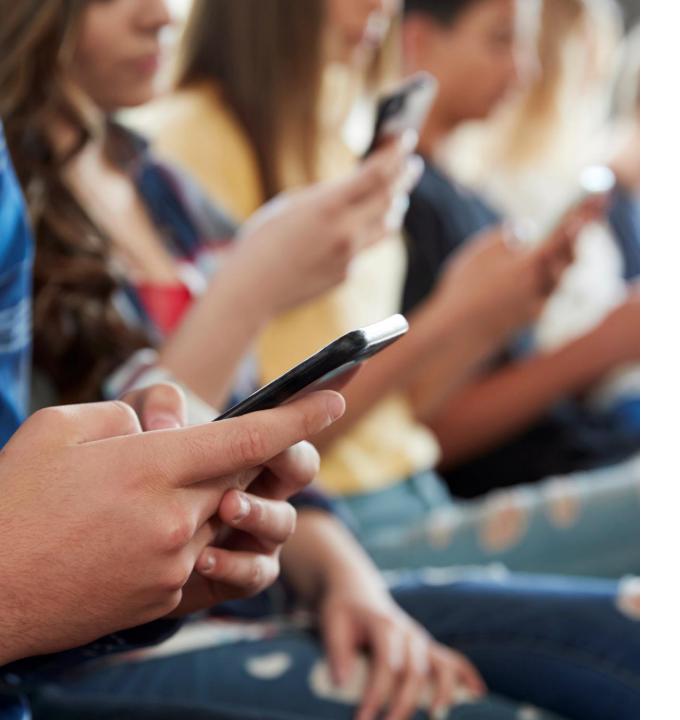
- Varying degrees
- Tampering with fencing, slash tires, damage mailbox etc.
- Can also be an eventual charge for noise/enjoyment of property
- May seem minor, but can be costly and can increase in severity
- Should always be reported





Cybersafety

- Anti-virus/security software you are a business
- Social media privacy settings
- Be aware of what/who you follow online
- Online marketplace forums require caution
- Use critical thinking when engaging with someone online



Cybersafety cont.

- Talk to your children about cybersafety
- Youth are being extorted and exploited online
- Predators go where the children are
- Social media and online gaming
- Need help with this conversation?
 Book a <u>5 Tips</u>, <u>5 Ideas</u>, <u>5 Signs</u>
 presentation with CSGW

Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence

- Intimate Partner Violence has increased
- Bill 173 Ontario At second reading
- Will designate "epidemic" in Ontario
- Violence within families has far-reaching impacts within the community and throughout generations
- IPV supports are available





Victim Services Wellington

- Reach out for support if you are the victim of crime
- Do not have to report to police
- Supports for victims include place of safety, connection to supports, ongoing resource for victims following traumatic events

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