

Advice for Businesses from RCMP Community Policing

- Ensure your security system provider is aware your business is closed.
- Ensure the business is being checked on a regular basis by a security company or the owner/manager.
- Reinforce any vulnerable areas like entrances/exits.
- Remove valuables from the premises or secure valuables within the premises.
- Review your business insurance policy around a closed business. What are your requirements and obligations?
- Communicate with neighbouring businesses and let each other know about concerns and incidents.
- Keep your customers/clients engaged within the restrictions of the latest provincial health directives. Be creative, use social media to your advantage while ensuring all restrictions are adhered to.
- Please do not leave garbage outside of your business and ensure you lock your dumpster.
- Businesses that have closed permanently like the Northern Hardware and Mills Office Supplies (Spee Dee Printers) must ensure their property is regularly checked to prevent vandalism and fires (arson) which may jeopardize neighbouring businesses.

RCMP and City Bylaw are here to assist:

- Call 911 for all emergencies – a crime in progress, someone's life is at risk, your business was broken into and you are not sure if a suspect is still inside, etc.
- www.princegeorge.rcmp.ca/report Use this site for online crime reporting if:
 - You have lost something that costs less than \$5000;
 - Someone has stolen something from you that costs less than \$5000;
 - Someone has vandalized your property or vehicle and it will cost less than \$5000 for repairs; AND
 - The crime occurred within the jurisdiction of the Prince George RCMP.
 - Do not use online crime reporting if there is a witness or suspect.
 - Do not use online crime reporting if there are lost or stolen items involving personal identity, firearms, license plates or decals.
- Call the non-emergency line for non-emergencies 250-561-3300 – i.e. you need file number for insurance purposes.
- Drug use/dealing is a police issue.
- Graffiti and vandalism are police issues although Bylaw may subsequently become involved.
- Bylaw: 250-561-7622 (extension 0)
 - Drug paraphernalia, garbage, homeless camps and structures etc. on the sidewalk or in the alley way.