

## Media Release

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### **Blackfalds RCMP encourages local businesses to strengthen crime prevention measures**

Blackfalds, Alta. - The Blackfalds RCMP is encouraging business owners and staff to take proactive steps to protect their workplaces and reduce opportunities for crime. By making security part of routine operations, businesses can significantly lower the risk of theft, property damage, and unauthorized access.

To help businesses improve safety, Blackfalds RCMP offers the following crime prevention recommendations:

- Ensure entrances, parking areas, and building perimeters are well-lit, particularly with motion-activated lighting.
- Maintain landscaping so shrubs and trees do not create concealment near doors or windows.
- Reinforce doors and windows with quality locks, deadbolts, strike plates, and impact-resistant glass.
- Use fencing or physical barriers to clearly define property limits and discourage trespassing.
- Monitor and maintain rear areas such as loading docks, alleys, and storage spaces so they do not become overlooked.
- Secure cash, electronics, and high-value items in safes or store them out of view when the business is closed.
- Address broken windows, damaged fencing, or malfunctioning lighting as soon as possible.
- Install video surveillance systems covering entry points and other vulnerable areas.
- Keep windows unobstructed by posters or displays to improve visibility into and out of the business.
- Utilize alarm systems with motion sensors and alert notifications for unauthorized entry.

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