

Advisory



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Athabasca and Boyle RCMP remind the public to secure their properties

Boyle, Alta. – Athabasca and Boyle RCMP would like to inform the public that, overall, crime trends for 2024, compared to the same time period in 2023, are similar and, in some cases, show signs of decreasing. Nonetheless, the past week has seen several break-ins to properties and businesses in both detachment areas. These properties include the Boyle Arena/Curling rink, surrounding businesses and a building owned by the Village of Boyle. With the return of seasonal residents to the area, it is expected that opportunistic criminals may be on the lookout for any unsecured property.

Athabasca and Boyle RCMP would like to take this time to remind the public of the following crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) tips, some of which are available on the Alberta RCMP YouTube page:

- **Lighting:** Ensure your yard is well lit. Consider installing motion sensor lights at all entryways.
- **Sightlines:** Keep clear sightlines to yards, garages, and entry points so criminals have no where to hide. Make sure trees and bushes aren't overgrown, creating a cover for a potential thief.
- **Gates:** A locked gate can help deter a criminal who may not want to waste time trying to get past it.
- **Windows:** Keep windows covered and locked when you're not home. An empty house is a criminal's playground.
- **Alarms:** Consider installing a security system, especially on seasonal properties or if you travel often. This will help ensure that if anything does happen to your property, authorities will be alerted immediately.
- **Vehicles:** Keep your vehicles locked and remove any valuables from them. If possible, park any ATVs or other seasonal vehicles out of sight.

RCMP encourages to report any criminal or suspicious activity to your local police. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8377 (TIPS), online at www.P3Tips.com or by using the "P3 Tips" app available through the Apple App or Google Play Store. To report crime online, or for access to RCMP news and information, download the Alberta RCMP app through Apple or Google Play.