

## PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS

- Chestermere RCMP Detachment  
156 East Chestermere Drive, Chestermere, AB
- Chestermere Fire Services  
162 East Chestermere Drive, Chestermere, AB
- Tire Craft  
500-100 Marina Drive, Chestermere, AB
- Chestermere Lake Registry  
402-100 Marina Drive, Chestermere, AB
- Jiffy Lube  
100-196 Chestermere Station Way, Chestermere, AB

*FOR AN UPDATED LIST OF PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS PLEASE CHECK THE RCMP PAGE AT THE CITY OF CHESTERMERE BY GOING TO :*

*<https://www.chestermere.ca/202/RCMP>*

## WHAT IS THE SECURITY SCREW PROGRAM?

As an added crime prevention measure the Chestermere RCMP has created the Security Screw Program.

Residents of Chestermere can attend the Chestermere RCMP Detachment or one of the participating locations to have a security screw installed at no charge.

The security screw is supplied by a loss prevention company with a proprietary bit. These bits are not available for purchase at retail stores.



Once installed, property criminals will have difficulty removing a license plate without detection or causing noticeable damage to the license plate. Most of whom will likely move on.

When your vehicle is sold or you want to remove your license plate, simply attend the Chestermere RCMP Detachment or participating location to have it removed.

## CHESTERMERE RCMP



## SECURITY SCREW PROGRAM

## VEHICLE THEFT IS A PROBLEM

Each year thousands of vehicles are stolen in Alberta. In 2017 more than 24,000 vehicles were stolen in Alberta which represented 29% of all stolen vehicles across the country. On average this accounts for 68 vehicle thefts each day.

In 2019 there were 9,900 vehicles stolen in RCMP jurisdictions.

In 2017 the Insurance Bureau of Canada estimated auto theft cost Canadians close to one billion dollars broken down into \$542 million paid by insurers to fix or replace stolen vehicles; and \$250 million in police, health care, and court system costs. The remainder was expended in correctional services.

The cost of this type of crime is passed on to citizens most noticeably in the form of increased insurance costs.

## WHAT DO THIEVES DO WITH STOLEN VEHICLES?

- High end vehicles are exported and sold abroad.
- Some vehicles have altered VIN's attached and are re-sold domestically.
- Vehicles are brought to "chop shops" to be dismantled and sold in parts.

- Most often stolen vehicles are used to commit other crimes.

## WHAT DOES THE SECURITY SCREW PROGRAM HAVE TO DO WITH AUTO THEFT?

After a vehicle is reported stolen, identifying characteristics such as VIN and license plate numbers are added onto a national database accessible to all approved law enforcement agencies. This enables police to determine if a vehicle is stolen and who the lawful owner is.

Often auto thieves will steal/swap license plates from similar make and model vehicles to avoid detection by police. Unsuspecting victims of this crime may not notice their license plate has been stolen for an extended period of time.

During this period more crimes are committed. More concerning is the risk to public and police safety when dealing with auto thieves who use stolen plates to avoid detection.

Replacing license plates is inconvenient, it comes at an added cost, and can be embarrassing if noticed when pulled over by police.

## CHESTERMERE SECURITY SCREW PROGRAM

*HELP POLICE REDUCE CRIME IN CHESTERMERE*

*HELP REDUCE AUTO THEFT*

*PREVENT THEFT OF YOUR LICENSE PLATE*

*FREE AND CONVENIENT TO PARTICIPATE*

*GET YOUR FREE SECURITY SCREWS INSTALLED AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS*

*REMOVE THEM ANYTIME AT PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS*

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