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# Lakeshore Regional Police Service

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**Make a Difference.  
Be the Change.**

## **LAKESHORE REGIONAL POLICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### New Recruit Constables & Experienced Police Officers

The Lakeshore Regional Police Service is responsible for police service on the five First Nations – Kapawe'no First Nation, Sucker Creek First Nation, Driftpile Cree Nation, Swan River First Nation, and Sawridge First Nation. We work closely with these First Nations to prevent and solve crime, and to promote safety and protect their communities. We have full police officer authority as granted under the Alberta Police Act. Our members consist of a Chief of Police, two Inspectors, three Sergeants, ten Constable positions, and seven civilian employees. The Detachment is located off Hwy #2 on the Driftpile Cree Nation in northern Alberta.

The Lakeshore Regional Police Service strives to ensure its image and community profile remain second to none through community engagement and partnerships, and by ensuring members are extensively trained, committed, loyal and enthusiastic, and represent the "best of the best." We offer competitive salaries, excellent group insurance benefits, and a pension plan.

**To receive an application or for more information please email Human Resources at [careers@lsrps.ca](mailto:careers@lsrps.ca).**

**LOCATION: Lakeshore Regional Police Service Detachment**

**START DATE: As soon as possible**

**CLOSING DATE: Open until suitable candidates found**



# Guard Services

## LAKESHORE REGIONAL POLICE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### GUARD SERVICES JOB SUMMARY

Monitor and safeguard persons in custody in the short-term holding facility. Ensure persons in custody are safe and secure and their dignity is maintained. Ensure the short-term holding facility is secure and operational readiness is maintained.

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**Please submit a resume to:**

**Human Resources, Lakeshore Regional Police Service**

**Box 291, Driftpile, AB T0G 0V0**

**Email: [careers@lsrps.ca](mailto:careers@lsrps.ca) Fax: 587-749-0423**

Selected candidates are requested to clearly demonstrate how they meet the qualifications and skill requirements of this position through and interview process.



# Alberta Traffic Safety

## TRAFFIC SAFETY

March's Traffic Safety focus is Seatbelt Safety.

Do you use your seat belt on every ride? Buckling up on every ride is the single most important thing a family can do to stay safe in the car.

Here are a few tips to make buckling up a part of every car ride:

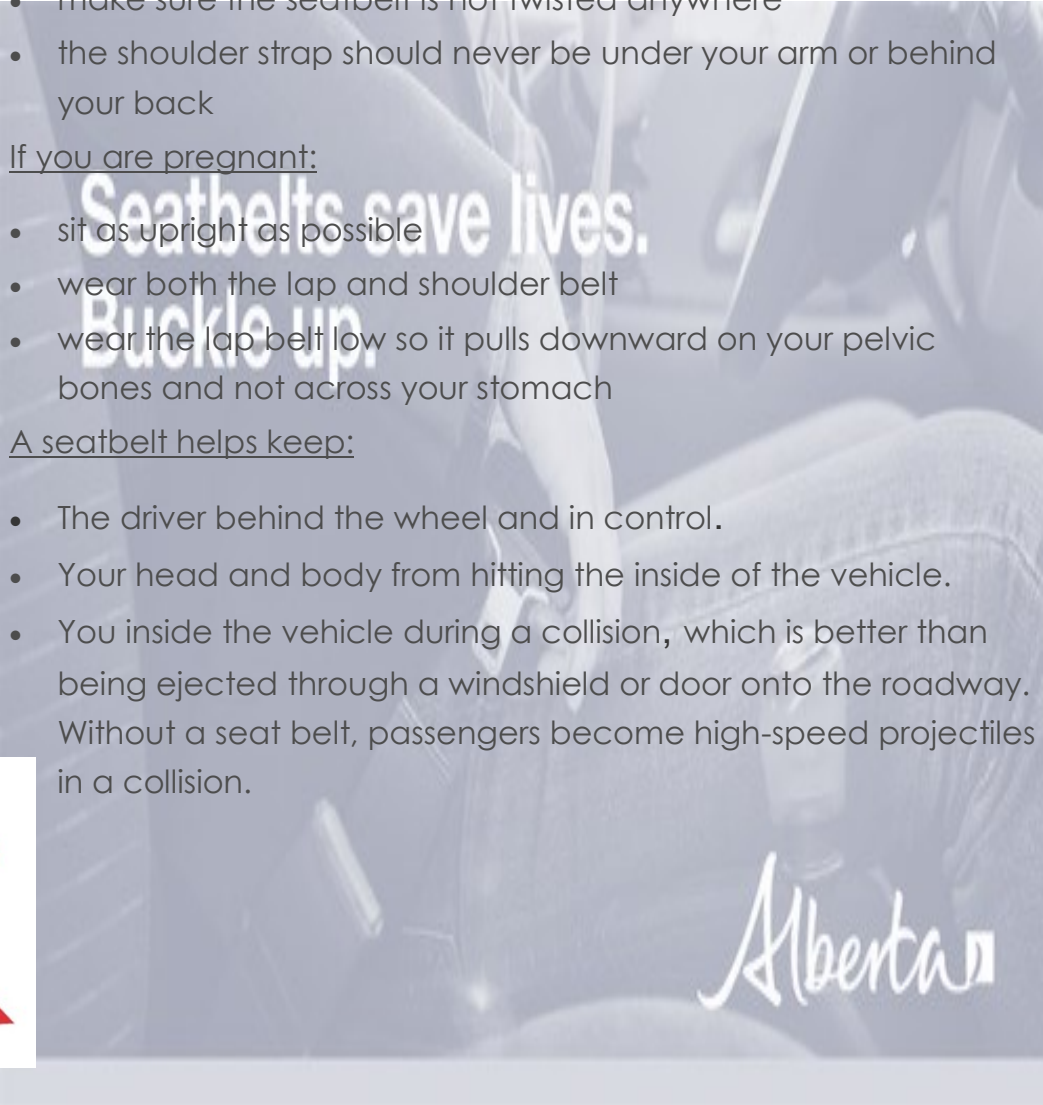
- wear your seatbelt so that it crosses your chest and your lower hips — these areas of the body are better able to resist the force of a crash
- make sure the seatbelt is not twisted anywhere
- the shoulder strap should never be under your arm or behind your back

If you are pregnant:

- sit as upright as possible
- wear both the lap and shoulder belt
- wear the lap belt low so it pulls downward on your pelvic bones and not across your stomach

A seatbelt helps keep:

- The driver behind the wheel and in control.
- Your head and body from hitting the inside of the vehicle.
- You inside the vehicle during a collision, which is better than being ejected through a windshield or door onto the roadway. Without a seat belt, passengers become high-speed projectiles in a collision.



## CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE

### Romance Scams

Every year around Valentine's Day, fraudsters are on the look-out for unsuspecting victims who are looking for love and companionship. Victims are typically contacted on dating websites or social media and then asked to switch to a different method of communication. It is common for suspects to use real pictures found on social media of real people (ie. business people, members of the military, family photos), pet photos and hobbies. Fraudsters quickly profess their love to gain their victims' trust, affection, and money. This type of fraud relies heavily on victim emotions and may last for months, years, or until the victim has nothing left to give. The fraudsters will never end up repaying the victim and continue to make empty promises while asking for more money.

Some recent variations include the use conversational attacks where fraudsters send random text messages to victims. The messages often read "where are you?", "where have you been?" or something similar. Once the victim responds, a conversation is started and the fraudster attempts to build a relationship with the victim.

Another prevalent variation is the "CryptoRom". In these cases, fraudsters convince the victim to invest into a fraudulent cryptocurrency platform with the promise of large monetary returns. In fact, fraudsters may even let the victim cash out some of their investment returns only to get them to invest a larger amount.



Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of cybercrime or fraud should report it to their local police and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre's online reporting system or by phone at 1-888-495-8501. If not a victim, report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre anyways.

## CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE

### Warning Signs.

- profiles that seem too perfect,
- someone you haven't met in person professes their love to you,
- suspect that tries to move communication to a more private or different method of communication (email, text, social media platform, etc.),
- any attempts to meet in person get cancelled or there's always an excuse to not meet-up,
- a person who discourages you from talking about them to friends and family,
- a suspect acting distressed or angry to force you into sending more money,
- poorly written messages or messages addressed to the wrong name,
- an individual who "introduces" you to their family on social media to legitimize the relationship, or
- unsolicited text messages from phone numbers you don't recognize.
- Get rich quick investment opportunities.
- Be wary of individuals met on dating sites or social media who attempt to educate and convince you to invest into crypto currency.

### How to Protect Yourself.

- Don't give out your personal information (name, address, DOB, SIN, banking credentials).
- Don't accept friend requests from people you do not know.
- Don't invest your money in platforms provided by people you don't know.
- Be careful who you share images with. Suspects will often use explicit pictures to extort victims into sending more money.
- Protect your online accounts.
- Never send money to someone you haven't met.
- Don't respond to text messages from phone numbers you do not recognize.
- Beware of fraudsters asking you to open and fund new crypto accounts, they will direct you to send it to wallets they control - **Don't!**



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## CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE

### Success Story

On February 2, 2024, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) and the United States Secret Service (USSS), along with a financial institution froze a \$615,820 fraudulent transfer. Since 2021, the USSS has assisted the CAFC in returning more than \$3,000,000.00 to U.S. and Canadian citizens.

The victim's funds were frozen after a Canadian business reported to the CAFC that it was a victim of spear phishing fraud. As a result of the timely reporting, the business is well positioned to recover its funds.

Spear phishing fraud is one of the most prevalent frauds targeting businesses and organizations. In 2023, Canadian businesses reported losing more than \$58 million to spear phishing fraud

In these frauds, perpetrators take their time to collect information on their intended targets, so they can send convincing emails from a seemingly trusted source. Fraudsters will infiltrate or spoof a business or individual's email account and create a rule to send copies of incoming emails to one of their own accounts. They will comb through the emails to: study the sender's use of language and to look for patterns linked to important contacts, payments, and dates.

Fraudsters launch their attack when an accounts payable invoice has been identified.



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It might look like a supplier or contractor sending an email to the customer's (victim) accounts payable department requesting an urgent payment to an alternate bank account for an invoice that is due. Fraudsters might set up a domain similar to the company's and make it appear as though the email is originating from a trusted source.

### How to protect yourself

- Remain current on frauds targeting businesses and educate all employees
- Include fraud training as part of new employee onboarding
- Put in place detailed payment procedures, including verbal authentication for any urgent requests or changes in payment details
- Encourage a verification step for unusual requests
- Establish fraud identifying, managing and reporting procedures
- Avoid opening unsolicited emails or clicking on suspicious links or attachments
- Take a few seconds to hover over an email address or link and confirm that they are correct
- Restrict the amount of information shared publicly and show caution with regard to social media
- Upgrade and update technical security software



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## PREVENTING ABUSE OF OLDER ADULTS

We don't like to think it, but some older adults and Elders are Abused.

- Most older adults get along well with their family members. But in some cases, older adults are abused by family members, caregivers or strangers
- Abuse of family members happens to both older and younger family members. In Canadian surveys, older adults are less likely than younger people to report to police abuse or neglect within their family relationships.<sup>1</sup> However, abuse of older adults does happen

### Abuse Tactics

- Abuse of older adults is any action or inaction that can harm an older person's health or well-being. Abusive behavior is used to control, harm or frighten the older person
- Abuse of older adults can take many forms. Abuse tactics may be emotional, financial, spiritual, medical, physical or sexual. Abuse tactics may also include intimidation or neglect
- being ejected through a windshield or door onto the roadway. Without a seat belt, passengers become high-speed projectiles in a collision.

### Who is Abused

- Any older person may become a victim of abuse. Men and women of any income level, cultural or ethnic group can be victims of abuse. Those who have physical or mental health issues are at greater risk, but healthy seniors may also be victims
- Ninety per cent of older adults live independently. That makes it easier for abuse of all kinds to go undetected. As the number of older adults in our population increases, abuse of older adults may increase



# Family Violence

## PREVENTING ABUSE OF OLDER ADULTS

### How to help an abused older Adult

1. Understand the older adult may not know this is abuse, or may not want to admit it.
2. Find the right words to open the door for the person to talk
  - “You’re not alone. It can happen to anyone. It’s not your fault and you didn’t do anything wrong. But we do need to protect you. Let’s figure out how to do that. I know we will be able to find help”
  - “Whatever happens, and whatever you decide to do, I’ll back you. Tell me how can I help – now or whenever”
1. Once the older adult understands this is an abusive situation, encourage the person to contact community agencies and other resources to get help. These organizations can help the person assess their level of risk or danger, help them with safety planning and connect them to other sources of help.

### What are clues that an older adult is being abused

If there is emotional or physical abuse, the older adult may:

- Seem frightened, withdrawn, depressed or apathetic
- Seem groggy or “dopey”
- Seem too thin or have lost a lot of weight
- Be wearing dirty clothing or clothes not suitable for the season
- Not have glasses, hearing aid or dentures
- Have bruises, sores or broken bones

If there is financial abuse, there may be:

- Unexplained sale of property or items missing from the victims home
- Someone other than the older adult cashing pension cheques, or the older adults bank account being overdrawn.



**Child Abuse Hotline:  
1.800.387.KIDS (5437)**

## **PREVENTING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Sexual exploitation of children and youth under the age of 18 years is any type of sexual activity with children and youth in exchange for money, drugs, food, shelter or any other considerations. This is the case whether or not children or youth consider themselves to be consenting.

Sexual exploitation of children and youth is never considered prostitution or consensual.

It is sexual exploitation when children and youth:

- Are sexually abused by adults
- Provide sex for a place to sleep, a meal or a ride
- Trade sexual activities in exchange for money, drugs, alcohol, gifts, services, or other items
- Are sexually trafficked
- Are seduced, manipulated or coerced to take sexual pictures/videos of themselves (i.e., child pornography) that can be sent over the internet

Some youth feel they are not being exploited, and that they have chosen to exchange sexual acts for resources. But sexual exploitation is not employment or a chosen occupation; it is a form of sexual abuse.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual exploitation, please contact your local police.

Take Action. Together we can stop the abuse. Programs and services are available across Alberta to help children end their involvement in sexual exploitation.



# Virtual Opioid Dependency Program

1.844.383.7688

## ALBERTA'S VIRTUAL OPIOID DEPENDENCY PROGRAM

### VODP—How Can they Help.

Technology Delivered Same Day Medication Starts, Opioid Treatment Transition Service, and Ongoing Opioid Dependency Care. 7 Days Per Week.

### Medical Management

Medication management of opioid addiction is safe and effective. National opioid treatment guidelines recommend buprenorphine/naloxone as first line treatment in Canada. VODP connects clients to care using telehealth technology no matter where in Alberta they live.

### Expert Addiction Counselling Care

You can be treated while living at home. Connect with your VODP Case Manager or with your local community therapists. Many con-tacts are by phone or text once stabilized. Our goal is to help you get back to living your life.

### Get Back to Life!

Opioid Addiction Treatment is very effective. It helps reduce cravings. It takes away withdrawal sickness. Many clients say that they finally feel like themselves again. Call today for more information!

### No Need To Travel, VODP Can See You By Zoom or Telehealth!

Clients can be seen via Zoom from their personal device (laptop or phone) or telehealth (video conferencing) at Alberta Health Services locations across Alberta. Opioid addiction treatment providers can help you. If your situation requires treatment with Suboxone or Metha-done, they can be dispensed to you via the pharmacy closest to you with same day service.



## CLARE'S LAW AND HOW IT EMPOWERS US

March 8th is International Women's Day. On this day we focus on the empowerment of Women. What better way to be empowered than to know the avenues you have to advocate for yourself .

### The Down Low on Clare's Law

#### Purpose of the law

Clare's Law allows people to make informed choices about potentially harmful intimate partner relationships, and is an important tool in protecting Albertans from domestic violence.

#### How it Works

Anyone in an intimate partner relationship who lives in Alberta and has a reason to believe they are at risk of becoming a victim of domestic violence can apply at <http://Alberta.ca/ClaresLaw> . You must be willing to speak with and meet an officer in order to have the findings of the application disclosed to you.

#### The What if's

#### **“What if I am too scared of getting caught by my partner when I am filling out the application?”**

If you feel you are at risk by filling out the application, a third party can complete the application on your behalf. For example, the VSU Office at Lakeshore Regional Police Service can assist you with the process.

#### **“What if my partner is notified that I submitted an application checking into their background?”**

The person of disclosure (who is getting checked into) will not ever receive notification that someone has made an application in regard to their past. Just as the person who is makes the application is not allowed to disclose the information they have found out about their partner. The information is given so you can make a personal choice in regard to your relationship with this person.

#### **“What if I find out my partner has had tendencies of domestic violence in the past?”**

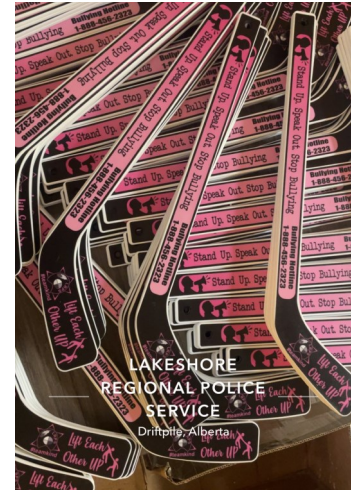
If you find out your partner poses a risk to your safety and is exhibiting behaviors' that have prompted you to do the application in the first place, the VSU office can assist in finding supports suitable for the transition of getting out of the relationship.



# LRPS COMMUNITY COMMITMENT



# Pink Shirt Day Fun



# RESPECT + INTEGRITY + PROFESSIONALISM + COMMITMENT

