



**To:** Community Safety Committee **Date:** July 19, 2022  
**From:** Dave Chauhan **File:** 09-5000-01/2022-Vol  
 Chief Superintendent, Officer in Charge 01  
**Re:** RCMP Monthly Activity Report – June 2022

**Staff Recommendation**

That the staff report titled “RCMP Monthly Activity Report – June 2022”, dated July 19, 2022, from the Officer in Charge, Richmond RCMP Detachment, be received for information.

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Att. 4

<b>REPORT CONCURRENCE</b>	
<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>	
<b>SENIOR STAFF REPORT REVIEW</b>	<b>INITIALS:</b> 
<b>APPROVED BY CAO</b>	

## Staff Report

### Origin

At the request of the Community Safety Committee, the Officer in Charge will keep Council informed on matters pertaining to policing in the Richmond community. This monthly activity report for the RCMP provides information on each of the following areas:

1. Activities and Noteworthy Files
2. Analysis of Police Statistics
3. Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions
4. Block Watch
5. Community Police Station Programs
6. Crime Prevention Unit
7. Road Safety Unit
8. Victim Services
9. Youth Section

This report supports Council's Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Strategy #1 A Safe and Resilient City:

*Enhance and protect the safety and well-being of Richmond.*

### Analysis

#### Activities and Noteworthy Files

##### *Doors Open Richmond*

On June 4 and 5, 2022, the Richmond RCMP hosted a Doors Open Richmond event at the City Centre Community Police Station. More than 3,000 people attended the event, which featured the Project 529 bike registry and Spot the Target initiative. Police officers and volunteers engaged with the public and provided supervised tours of police vehicles, as well as crime prevention resources.

##### *Double Homicide*

On June 4, 2022, Richmond RCMP responded to the 7000 block of Ackroyd Road for a report of a shooting. Upon attendance, police located two deceased males. Both victims were known to police and the incident is believed to be connected to gang activities. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team is investigating.

##### *Property Crime Arrests*

On June 12, 2022, the Richmond RCMP issued a media release advising of a series of thefts from automobiles and subsequent offences, as thieves used stolen garage remotes to gain access to homes. In addition to providing crime prevention tips, the Richmond RCMP informed the public that suspects had been arrested and that the investigations are ongoing.

### *Cyclist Injured*

On June 26, 2022, Richmond RCMP officers responded to a collision involving a vehicle and a cyclist at the intersection of Steveston Highway and Railway Avenue. The cyclist suffered serious injuries and was transported to hospital. The driver remained at the scene and was cooperative with police. Neither speed nor impairment are considered factors in this collision. The investigation continues.

### *Policing Priorities in Action – Illegal Ride-Hailing*

On June 13, 2022, Richmond RCMP, in collaboration with Passenger Transportation Enforcement Officers<sup>1</sup>, and Community Bylaw Officers conducted a joint illegal ride-hail investigation. A subsequent media release advised that police had identified four illegal ride-hail operators. Each of the unlicensed operators received fines worth approximately \$1,800 as well as a Notice and Order requiring immediate vehicle inspections. One vehicle was towed from the scene.

### Analysis of Police Statistics

#### *Arson*

In June 2022, there were five reported arsons, which is down two incidents from the previous month and represents no change from June 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of arsons this month is within the expected range.

#### *Assault Serious (Assault with a Weapon)*

There were 11 assault serious events in June 2022, which is down 54 per cent from the previous month and down 45 per cent from June 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of serious assaults this month is within the expected range.

Of the incidents reported, over one-third occurred in private residences.

#### *Auto Theft*

In June 2022, there were 18 incidents of auto theft, which is a 28 per cent decrease from the previous month and is a five per cent decrease from June 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of auto thefts this month is within the expected range.

#### *Drugs*

In June 2022, there were 51 drug files, which is down 16 cent from the previous month and is up 28 per cent from June 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of drug incidents this month is within the expected range.

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<sup>1</sup> Passenger Transportation Enforcement Officers are Peace Officers who work for the Passenger Transportation Branch and specialize in ensuring the commercial passenger transportation industry is in compliance with the *Passenger Transportation Act*

Of the incidents reported this month, 87 per cent occurred at the Vancouver International Airport.

#### *Mental Health*

There were 246 mental health-related incidents in June 2022, which is a three per cent increase from the previous month and is a 15 per cent decrease from June 2021.<sup>2</sup> No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of mental health-related incidents this month is within the expected range.

There were 86 police apprehensions this month and the average hospital wait time was 104 minutes. The longer than average hospital wait times have been attributed to a small proportion of incidents that required increased police presence in the hospital.

#### *Residential Break and Enter*

There were 23 break and enters to residences in June 2022, which is a 12 per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 53 per cent increase from June 2021.<sup>3</sup> No patterns or trends were identified. The number of residential break and enters this month is within the expected range.

#### *Commercial Break and Enter*

In June 2022, there were 30 break and enters to businesses, which is a 15 per cent increase from the previous month and is a 20 per cent increase from June 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of commercial break and enters this month is within the expected range.

#### *Robbery*

There were three robbery incidents in June 2022, which is down one incident from the previous month and up one incident from June 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of robberies this month is within the expected range.

Two of the robberies reported this month involved the use of a weapon. These files remain under investigation and a suspect has been identified in one of the incidents.

#### *Sexual Offences*

In June 2022, there were 26 sexual offence files, which is more than double the number reported the previous month and is a 75 per cent increase from June 2021.<sup>4</sup> No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of sexual offences this month is above the expected range.

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<sup>2</sup> Recent updates to the methodology used to capture mental health-related events has resulted in a notable increase in this category compared to previously reported statistics.

<sup>3</sup> Residential break and enters were significantly below the five-year average range in June 2021.

<sup>4</sup> The Sexual Offences category comprises a range of offences including: sexual assault, sexual interference, making and distributing child pornography, possessing and accessing child pornography and indecent acts/exposing.

Referrals from the BC Integrated Child Exploitation Team accounted for 23 per cent of this month's files. Suspects have been identified in 73 per cent of the incidents reported this month.

### *Shoplifting*

There were 56 reported shoplifting thefts in June 2022, which is an eight per cent decrease from the previous month and is a 27 per cent decrease from June 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of shoplifting thefts this month is within the expected range.

### *Theft from Automobile*

There were 111 theft from automobile incidents in June 2022, which is up seven per cent from the previous month and down nine per cent from June 2021. No patterns or trends have been identified. The number of thefts from automobiles this month is within the expected range.

### *Hate Crimes and Incidents*

Table 1 presents the number of hate crimes and hate incidents reported between January 1, 2018 and June 30, 2022.<sup>5</sup> A "hate crime" refers to any criminal offence targeting an identifiable group. The criteria for an offence to be considered a hate crime as per the *Criminal Code* carries a higher threshold and usually involves one or more criminal offences. A "hate incident" may be motivated by the same factors as a hate crime, but does not reach the threshold of being a criminal offence. There were three incidents reported this month, which included anti-Black graffiti and racial slurs targeting Chinese and Middle Eastern individuals.

Table 1 – Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents			
Year	Hate Crime Files	Hate Incident Files	Total
2018	19	4	23
2019	11	9	20
2020	21	13	34
2021	19	29	48
2022	4	10	14

### Crime Trends Across Jurisdictions

Data on crime rates is presented in Figure 1.<sup>6</sup> In June 2022, out of the four largest municipalities policed by the RCMP in the Lower Mainland District (LMD), Richmond had the lowest violent crime rate and the second-lowest property crime rate.

<sup>5</sup> The BC Hate Crimes Unit uses the terms hate-motivated crime and hate-motivated incident.

<sup>6</sup> Crime rate is calculated per 1,000 people.

**Figure 1: June 2022 Crime Rates**

### Block Watch

At the end of June 2022, the Block Watch program had 299 groups totaling 6,975 participants. Currently, the program includes 434 captains and co-captains.

### Community Police Station Programs

Community police stations continue to enhance the Detachment's policing services by providing an array of crime prevention resources and community safety initiatives. City staff and volunteers pursue safety initiatives to enhance crime prevention program awareness, community engagement and police accessibility. These initiatives help to reduce anxiety and fear related to crime. The program activities vary from month to month reflective of weather conditions, seasonal initiatives and the availability of volunteers.

During the month of June, volunteer highlights included:

- The deployment of three volunteer bike patrols, totalling 54 hours and six volunteer foot/van patrols totalling 28 hours.
- Six Fail to Stop deployments took place, which resulted in 121 information letters.
- There were 15 Lock Out Auto Crime deployments, during which 438 information letters were distributed.
- Speed Watch was conducted on 465 vehicles and four information letters were issued.
- June 3 and 4 – A total of 16 Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with the Doors Open event at the City Centre Community Police Station.
- June 12 – Volunteers assisted with “The Island City, by Bike Tour” and were on site to promote the Project 529 bike registry.<sup>7</sup> A total of 32 bicycles were registered at the event.
- June 22 – RCMP officers, in partnership with ICBC, provided Speed Watch training to new and returning volunteers.

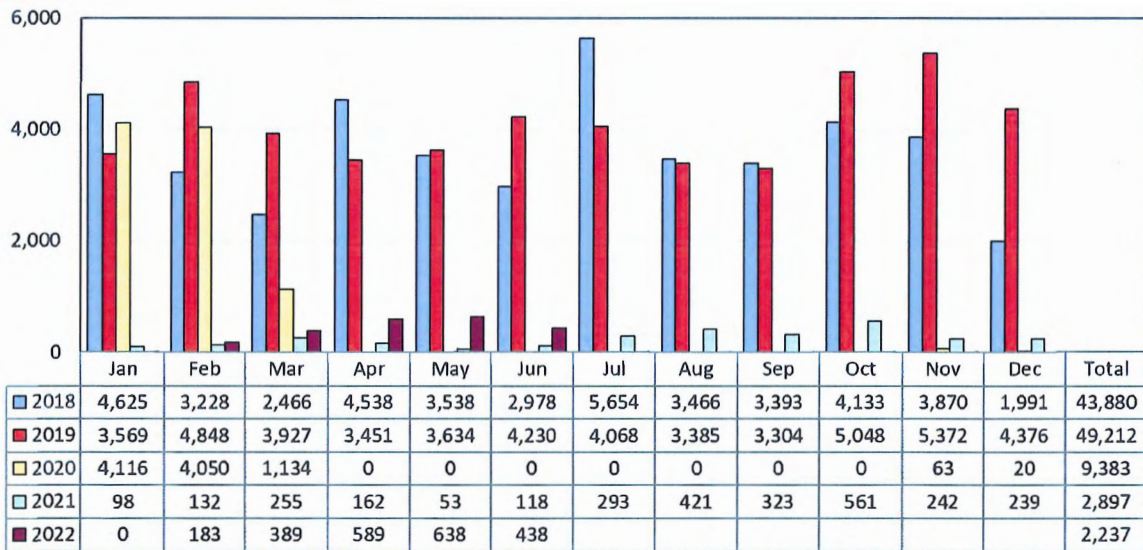
<sup>7</sup> The Island City, by Bike Tour promotes recreation, fitness and transportation in Richmond and is led by experienced and knowledgeable tour guides.

- June 22 – Volunteers assisted RCMP officers with an E-Scooter and E-Bike event at Richmond City Hall and provided related safety information, in addition to the Project 529 bike registry.
- June 23 – Volunteers and RCMP officers participated in the South Arm Block Party Event at the South Arm Community Centre. Approximately 1,000 people attended the event, which featured the Spot the Target initiative.
- June 26 – Volunteers and RCMP officers participated in Burkeville Daze and provided crime prevention and safety information to attendees.

*Lock Out Auto Crime*

Figure 2 provides a comparison by year of the number of vehicle notices issued.<sup>8</sup>

**Figure 2: Lock Out Auto Crime Vehicles Issued a Notice**



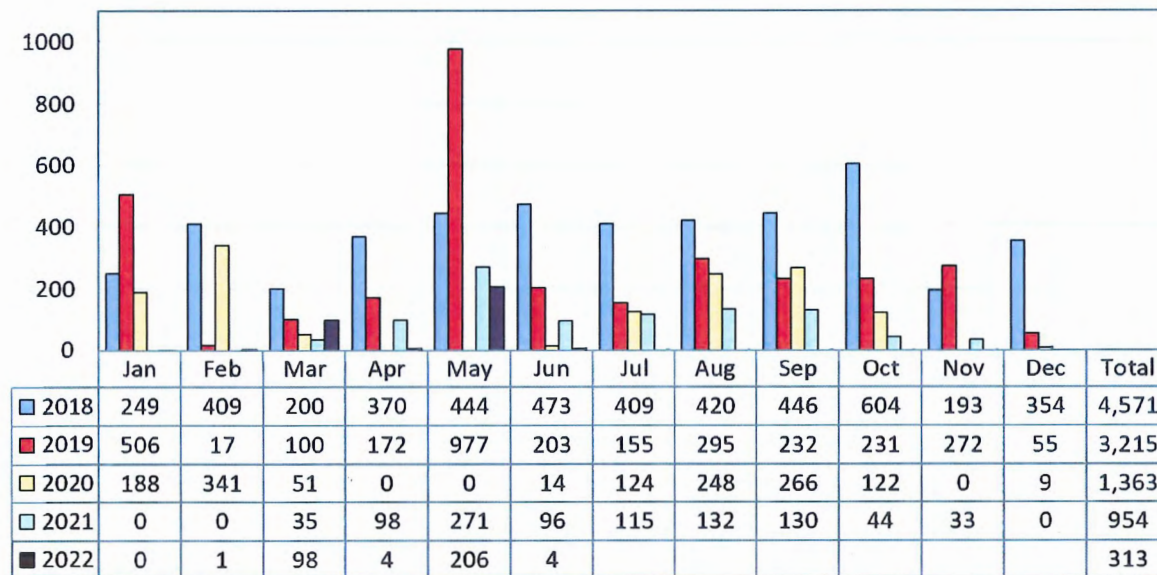
<sup>8</sup> Beginning in November 2020, Lock Out Auto Crime letters were issued in place of notices due to COVID-19-related concerns. Letters are only issued to vehicles displaying security vulnerabilities; whereas previously, notices were issued to all vehicles. This has resulted in a significant reduction in the number of letters issued.



*Speed Watch*

Figure 3 provides a yearly comparison of the number of letters sent to registered vehicle owners.

**Figure 3: Speed Watch Letters Sent**



Crime Prevention Unit

The Crime Prevention Unit reduces crime and enhances community engagement through public awareness and education initiatives. During the month of June, the Crime Prevention Unit participated in the following events/activities:

- Doors Open Richmond
- Diversity and Inclusion Initiatives
- E-Scooter/E-Bike Safety
- Place of Worship Patrols
- Presentations to New Immigrants<sup>9</sup>
- Speed Watch

<sup>9</sup> RCMP Officers provide safety and crime prevention presentations to new immigrants in partnership with S.U.C.C.E.S.S.



### Road Safety Unit

The Road Safety Unit makes Richmond's roads safer through evidence-based traffic enforcement, investigation of serious vehicle collisions and public education programs. Table 2 compares statistics for June 2022 to both April 2022 and May 2022. Violation tickets were issued for the following infractions:

Table 2: Violation Tickets Issued

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>April 2022</b>	<b>May 2022</b>	<b>June 2022</b>
Distracted Driving	19	134	100
Driver License	92	186	145
Impaired	35	38	35
Intersection Offences	36	42	26
Moving Infractions <sup>10</sup>	61	79	73
Speeding	82	223	130
Seatbelts	2	16	16
Vehicle Related <sup>11</sup>	42	69	49
Other <sup>12</sup>	8	21	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>583</b>

### Victim Services

In June 2022, Richmond RCMP Victim Services met with 89 new clients and attended nine crime/trauma scenes after hours. The unit currently maintains an active caseload of 107 files. In June, Victim Services responded to a number of cases involving family conflicts, property crimes and mental health issues.

### Youth Section

The Richmond RCMP Detachment's Youth Section focuses on strategies that contribute to safe and healthy behaviours essential to the development of productive and civic-minded adults. During the month of June, Youth Section highlights included:

- The Youth Section concluded the third term of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, which included presentations to 511 Grade 5 students in 22 classes.
- RCMP officers in the Youth Section conducted 25 proactive school visits at secondary schools and 53 visits at elementary schools. Police officers engaged with the students at recess and lunch, as well as during morning and afternoon supervision.

### **Financial Impact**

None.

<sup>10</sup> Moving infractions refers to unsafe lane change and unsafe passing.

<sup>11</sup> Vehicle related refers to vehicle defects, for example no lights and no insurance.

<sup>12</sup> Other refers to miscellaneous charges including failing to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to stop for police.

## Conclusion

In June 2022, the Richmond RCMP conducted a number of noteworthy investigations, including a series of property crimes and a serious collision involving a cyclist. Police statistics for this month indicate that most crime types were within the expected ranges, with the exception of sexual offences, which were elevated.

In June, the Richmond RCMP hosted a Doors Open Richmond event at the City Centre Community Police Station. In addition, the Community Engagement Team and volunteers continued to promote crime prevention and road safety initiatives. The Officer in Charge of the Richmond RCMP Detachment will continue to ensure that Richmond remains a safe and desirable community.



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- Att. 1: Community Policing Programs
- 2: Crime Statistics
- 3: Crime Maps
- 4: E-Scooter Safety

#### Block Watch

- Community-based crime prevention program aimed at helping neighbors organize themselves to prevent crime.
- Residents can receive email alerts of neighbourhood residential break and enters by registering their email addresses at: [blockwatch@richmond.ca](mailto:blockwatch@richmond.ca)
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/blockwatch.htm)

#### Distracted Driving Program

- Trained volunteers monitor intersections and observe distracted drivers.
- A letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle with information on the safety risks associated to the observed behaviour and applicable fine amounts.
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/prevention/programs.htm)

#### Fail to Stop

- Trained volunteers monitor areas that have been referred to the program by local businesses or residents where drivers are not making a full stop at the stop sign, or running a red light.
- An information letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

#### Lock Out Auto Crime

- Co-sponsored by the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC), volunteers patrol city streets and parking lots looking for automobile security vulnerabilities.
- Notices supplied by ICBC are issued to every vehicle inspected indicating to the owner what issues need to be addressed in order to keep the vehicle and contents secure.
- For more information, visit [www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm](http://www.richmond.ca/safety/police/personal/vehicle.htm)

#### Project 529

- This program allows riders to easily and securely register their bikes. This up-to-date database of bikes alerts its registrants if a fellow 529 bike is stolen.
- Project 529 is a unique, multi-national registry that holds a database of all registered and stolen bikes.

#### Speed Watch

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, promotes safe driving habits by alerting drivers of their speed.
- Trained volunteers are equipped with radar and a speed watch reader board that gives drivers instant feedback regarding their speed.
- Volunteers record the license plate number and the speed, and a letter is sent to the registered owner of the offending vehicle. The letter includes the date, time and location and applicable fine amounts if the driver received a violation ticket.

#### Spot the Target

- This initiative consists of frequently stolen items being placed in the volunteer van for participants to identify in order to enhance awareness of thefts from automobiles.

#### Stolen Auto Recovery

- Co-sponsored by ICBC, trained volunteers equipped with portable computers identify stolen vehicles.
- These volunteers recover hundreds of stolen vehicles each year throughout the Lower Mainland.

#### Volunteer Bike and Foot Patrol Program

- Trained volunteers patrol Richmond neighbourhoods reporting suspicious activities and providing a visible deterrent to crime and public order issues.

# JUNE 2022 STATISTICS

## RICHMOND RCMP

This chart identifies the monthly totals for founded Criminal Code incidents, excluding traffic-related Criminal Code incidents. Based on Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) scoring, there are three categories: (1) Violent Crime, (2) Property Crime, and (3) Other Criminal Code. Within each category, particular offence types are highlighted in this chart. In addition, monthly totals for Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (CDSA) incidents and MHA-related calls for service are included. Individual UCR codes are indicated below the specific crime type.

The 5 year average range data is based on activity within a single month over the past 5 years. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range (using one standard deviation) due to crime trends, patterns, or spikes, it will be noted in **red**. If the current monthly total for an offence is above the expected average range due to primarily non-operational reasons such as the new UCR standards or other scoring issues, the total will be noted in **purple**. Below expected numbers will be noted in **blue**.

Mental Health file query has been updated to capture all types of mental health study flags versus one type. Mental health study flag file numbers have been updated for the last five years. This change does not impact mental health apprehension numbers or hospital wait times.

	Month	5-Yr Avg	5-Yr Range	Year to Date Totals			
	June - 22	June		2021	2022	% Change	# Change
<b>VIOLENT CRIME</b> (UCR 1000-Series Offences)	<b>126</b>	<b>139.8</b>	<b>123-157</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>-82</b>
Robbery	3	5.2	3-8	25	31	24%	6
Assault Common	45	51.0	42-60	269	280	4%	11
Assault Serious	11	15.0	12-18	91	98	8%	7
Sexual Offences	26	13.4	9-18	117	102	-13%	-15
<b>PROPERTY CRIME</b> (UCR 2000-Series Offences)	<b>538</b>	<b>552.4</b>	<b>509-596</b>	<b>3165</b>	<b>3333</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>168</b>
Business B&E	30	25.2	19-32	153	201	31%	48
Residential B&E	23	28.2	18-39	174	180	3%	6
Auto Theft	18	20.2	17-24	118	129	9%	11
Theft from Auto	111	136.8	121-152	808	736	-9%	-72
Theft	89	78.8	66-92	342	488	43%	146
Shoplifting	56	66.4	41-91	365	386	6%	21
Fraud	68	70.8	61-80	441	406	-8%	-35
<b>OTHER CRIMINAL CODE</b> (UCR 3000-Series Offences)	<b>261</b>	<b>196.6</b>	<b>161-233</b>	<b>1419</b>	<b>1309</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-110</b>
Arson	5	5.0	3-7	43	33	-23%	-10
<b>SUBTOTAL CC OFFENCES</b> (UCR 1000 to 3000 Series)	<b>925</b>	<b>917.4</b>	<b>880-955</b>	<b>5469</b>	<b>5448</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>-21</b>
<b>DRUGS</b> (UCR 4000-Series Offences)	<b>51</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>62-40</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>MHA RELATED CALLS</b> (MHA files or Mental Health flag)	<b>246</b>	<b>233.4</b>	<b>183-284</b>	<b>1482</b>	<b>1646</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>164</b>

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# Residential Break & Enter June 2022



**Legend**  
🏠 Residential Break & Enter - 23

Richmond RCMP  
Crime Analysis Unit  
2022-07-01

0 1 2 3 4 Kilometers





# Business Break & Enter June 2022



# Theft from Auto June 2022



# Auto Theft June 2022





Must wear a helmet



Operate on designated cycling lanes



Must not operate on sidewalks or unpaved trails at any time



Max speed 15km/hr on paved shared pathways



One person only



Must not carry passengers



Yield to pedestrians



Must be at least 16 years old

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## E-SCOOTER SAFETY TIPS





Must wear a helmet



Operate on designated cycling lanes



Must not operate on sidewalks or unpaved trails at any time



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One person only



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Yield to pedestrians



Must be at least 16 years old

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## E-SCOOTER SAFETY TIPS





## REGISTER. REPORT. RECOVER.

**REGISTER** your bike or e-scooter today to protect it. Should it ever become lost or stolen, **REPORT** it to the police and on 529 to help us **RECOVER** it.

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