White Rock RCMP’s Seasonal Safety Tips
**WINTER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - BE SAFE!**

- **Always make eye contact** with drivers and never assume that a driver has seen you.
- **Remove your headphones** and leave your phone alone while crossing the road.
- **Be careful** at intersections and watch for drivers turning left or right through the crosswalk. Drivers may be focused on oncoming traffic instead of scanning for you.
- **Always cross at designated crosswalks.** Follow pedestrian signs and traffic signals and never cross once the signal has turned yellow or red.
- **Wear reflective clothing or gear and flashlights** to make it easier for drivers to see you in wet weather, at dusk and at night.
- On rural roads without sidewalks, **make yourself visible** and always walk facing traffic so you can see oncoming drivers.
HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY – HAVE A PLAN, GET HOME SAFE!

• **DO NOT leave your vehicle running while unattended** as it is more likely to be stolen. This happens more frequently during times of colder weather and this week is supposed to dip below -10 C.

• **Plan ahead** - use proper snow/ice rated tires, drive more slowly, defensively and allow yourself more distance to brake.

• If you get in an accident that would be considered a minor "fender-bender" and the damage is estimated to be under $1000, exchange information (Driver's license number and license plate number), take pictures of the damage/vehicle location and call ICBC Dial-a-claim (604-520-8222) once you get home.

• **When to call the police:** if your accident is more serious in nature (personal injury, vehicle not drive-able, blocking traffic).
DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE! Avoid making a mistake that could harm yourself and others. Call Operation Red Nose at 604-943-0460 and they will get you and your car home:

About Operation Red Nose:

- Nation-wide volunteer driving service and awareness campaign, dedicated to preventing drinking and driving
- Three person teams can be called to drive you and your vehicle home safely between the hours of 9:00 pm and 3:00 am
- Donations will be redistributed to local youth organizations

• Check out Operation Red Nose PSA’s.
WHITE ROCK RCMP’S PROJECT GRINCH TIPS

• Don’t withdraw more money than you need when visiting ATM’s. Thieves lurk in parking lots around financial institutions. Be aware of your surroundings & take note of anyone following you.

• Men should carry their wallets in their front pockets as opposed to their back pockets or jackets.

• Women should carry their purses close to their body but should not wrap their purse straps around themselves. Doing so could cause you to be dragged down to the ground in the event that your purse is snatched.
WHITE ROCK RCMP’S PROJECT GRINCH TIPS

• Avoid using revolving doors as thieves with good timing can grab your parcels & get away by the time it takes you to emerge.
• Never leave your purchases unattended, even for a short period of time.
• If possible, park under lighting & close to entrances & exits.
• Under no circumstances should you leave your children unattended in your vehicle, even for a short period of time.
• Don’t use your vehicle as a storage locker. Place all of your purchases in your trunk. While you are shopping for gifts in stores, thieves are shopping for gifts in the parking lot.
FRAUD: STEALS YOUR NAME, MONEY AND SELF RESPECT

• When a caller asks you to send money in order to claim a big prize, it’s FRAUD.

• When a caller asks you for your personal information (credit card companies, Canada Revenue Agency, the banks) it’s a FRAUD.

• If you receive an email asking you to send personal and/or banking information or money, it’s a FRAUD.

FRAUD: RECOGNIZE IT. REPORT IT. STOP IT.
www.phonebusters.com | 1-888-495-8501
WHITE ROCK RCMP’S 1ST ANNUAL “CRAM THE CRUISER”

The White Rock RCMP want to thank the public for their generosity and participation in their first annual “Cram the Cruiser” Toy Drive. To help us get the event up and running we had the assistance of many volunteers, sponsorship from Nature’s Fare and McDonald’s, tireless efforts from our community policing coordinator and various media releases (Peace Arch News, White Rock Sun and on the City of White Rock’s Website).

In the end, two police cruisers were crammed to the ceiling with toys and several monetary donations were received which were used to purchase a variety of gift cards.

The Salvation Army was overwhelmed with the Community’s generosity and extremely grateful for everyone’s efforts in making this a tremendous success.
POLICE RESOURCE NUMBERS

White Rock RCMP – Non Emergency:
  ▪  778-593-3600

First United Church (Cold Weather Shelter):
  ▪  604-599-8900

ICBC – Dial-A-Claim:
  ▪  Lower Mainland: 604-520-8222
  ▪  BC Wide: 1-800-910-4222

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:
  ▪  1-888-495-8501

City of White Rock Bylaw Enforcement:
  ▪  604-541-2146

Check out our Website at: Whiterock.bc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca & Stay Tuned for our Twitter Account!