Prospect Road Community Centre

Pets and Children Unattended in Vehicles

(Adopted from HRP and HRM)

The Prospect Road Community Centre is committed to ensuring the safety of all those who visit the Centre. This includes safety of animals and children on the premises, either outside or in a vehicle.

Pets or children left in parked vehicles especially during months with forecasted temperatures and humidity, the RCMP reminds citizens to not leave animals or children unattended in parked vehicles.

On a warm/hot day, even with the windows open, a parked vehicle quickly becomes like a furnace and presents potentially fatal conditions for pets left inside. Citizens are reminded not to rely on air conditioning for the comfort of an animal or child.

RCMP strongly encourage owners and parents to not leave their pets unattended in vehicles, even for a few minutes.

It is a summary offense ticket for leaving an animal unattended in a motor vehicle in conditions that could cause distress carries a fine of $697.50.

The Prospect Road Community Centre is a public space with indoor and outdoor amenities. Staff are unable to determine the length of time an animal or child has been left unattended in a vehicle, and/or locate the owner/parent. In the event an animal or child is left unattended in a vehicle the PRCC staff will take the following step into action, regardless if windows are open and/or air conditioning is on:

1. **Call 911 or non-emergency and will follow directions from the call taker. This may include entering the vehicle by any means necessary as advised by the call taker to ensure the safety of the animal or child.**

The safety of an animal and child is the responsibility of every person. Individuals visiting the Centre have the right to call 911 or non-emergency themselves and follow directions from the call taker if they observe unattended children or animals in a vehicle. We encourage everyone to make PRCC staff aware of the situation so that we can make a record of the event.

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