



Technological Crime

Overview

Technological crime refers to the use of computers or other high-tech equipment in the commission of a criminal act. Examples of technological crime range from the personal possession of digitized child pornography on a home computer to attacks on whole networks of interconnected computers.

Technological Crime Program

As experts in the forensic investigation of computers and networks, the employees of the RCMP's Technological Crime Program provide support services to investigators in the RCMP, other Canadian police services, and Government of Canada departments and agencies. In the case of Internet investigations, the RCMP's Technological Crime Program will also provide support to any accredited international police service or agency.

The mandate of Technological Crime Program employees also includes investigating cyber-threats and/or criminal activity on computer networks, which could have the potential to threaten one of Canada's critical infrastructures. These critical infrastructures include: energy and utilities such as electrical power, natural gas and oil transmission; communications such as telecommunications and broadcasting

systems; and government institutions such as major government facilities, information networks and other assets.

The RCMP's Technological Crime Program is comprised of RCMP employees who are strategically located across Canada. The headquarters branch located in Ottawa is responsible for researching and developing computer forensic utilities and computer forensic assistance to domestic and international accredited agencies and police services.

Integrated Technological Crime Units

The Integrated Technological Crime Units are located in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, London, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, Fredericton, St. John's and Halifax. RCMP employees, as well as investigators from other law enforcement agencies, comprise these units. Their role and responsibilities include providing investigative support to all law enforcement agencies in their respective jurisdictions, and leading investigations that focus on computers as objects of criminal activity.

For more information, please visit www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Quick Facts

The RCMP's Technological Crime Program support services include:

- collecting evidence through the search, seizure and analysis of computers and microprocessor-based devices such as personal digital assistants (PDAs)
- providing expert testimony in criminal court proceedings