



SENIORS CRIME STOPPERS

It is estimated that by the year 2021, there will be as many senior citizens in Ontario as there are youth. The dramatic growth of our seniors population is unparalleled at any previous time in our history. Increasingly, our seniors are more frequently victims of crime. In order to address this problem, the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers has partnered with the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services in developing a Seniors Crime Stoppers program.



Background

In the early spring of 2005, the OACS received funding towards a province-wide **Seniors Crime Stoppers** program. Renegade Digital Productions, Inc. are working with the OACS in the development of comprehensive seniors targeted training materials which will enable Crime Stoppers personnel to attend seniors facilities and present both the Crime Stoppers story and some of the criminal activity impacting our seniors population.

Further application has been made to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for suitable funding to purchase handout materials for these presentations that will target Ontario seniors

The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care oversees the operation of over 600 seniors' facilities in the province. In addition, it is estimated that over 700 private retirement homes of which approximately 275 are members of the Ontario Retirement Communities Association (ORCA).

The Retirement Home Complaints Response and Information Service assists consumers by addressing their concerns about Ontario retirement homes – whether they are a member of ORCA or not.

Provision of Care

If you have a concern about the provision of care or other non-criminal matters, you are encouraged to contact these agencies at their respective telephone complaints lines:

Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
1-866-434-0144

Ontario Retirement Communities Association
1-800-361-7254

Retirement Home Complaints Response and Information Service
1-800-361-7254

Victimization

The Seniors Crime Stoppers initiative has been developed to address situations where seniors are being victimized by the criminal acts of others. This criminal activity is typically broken down into four sub-groups, namely: physical abuse, psychological or emotional abuse, financial abuse or neglect.

Related Criminal Codes of Canada:

Physical

- Assault – Sec. 266
- Assault with a Weapon or Assault Causing Bodily Harm – Sec. 267

- Sexual Assault – Sec. 271
- Forcible Confinement – Sec. 279 (2)
- Homicide/Manslaughter – Sec. 222
- Criminal Negligence – Sec. 219

Psychological/Emotional

- Uttering Threats – Sec. 264.1
- Criminal Harassment – Sec. 264
- Harassing Phone Calls – Sec. 372 (3)
- Intimidation – Sec. 423 (1)

Financial

- Fraud – Sec. 380
- Forgery – Sec. 366
- Theft – Sec. 334
- Theft by Person Holding Power of Attorney – Sec. 331
- Extortion – Sec. 346 (1.1)
- Stopping Mail with Intent – Sec. 345
- Theft from Mail – Sec. 356

Neglect

- Failure to Provide the Necessaries of Life – Sec. 215 (2) (b)
- Criminal Negligence – Sec. 219

**If you know of an Ontario senior who is being victimized by any one of these criminal actions, please call [Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS \(8477\)](tel:1-800-222-TIPS)
You will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward of up to \$2,000.**