

ANTI-LOITERING STRATEGIES

1. Routine Security Measures

- 1.1. Each school is unique and therefore not all security measures may apply at all schools. In the course of addressing on-going vandalism concerns the following measures are considered and implemented as appropriate:
 - 1.1.1. Lighting levels are reviewed to discourage loitering.
 - 1.1.1.1. Lighting levels may be increased to allow a clear view of activities in areas which can be easily viewed
 - 1.1.1.2. Lighting levels may be reduced in areas which are hidden from view
 - 1.1.2. Sightlines around the school are reviewed to ensure they are clear and unobstructed.
 - 1.1.2.1. Shrubbery is trimmed as required
 - 1.1.2.2. Objects, which prevent a clear view, are removed
 - 1.1.3. Roof access is checked to ensure that barriers are installed or items are removed which enable vandals to access the roof.
 - 1.1.4. Random security patrols may be initiated.
 - 1.1.5. In extreme cases a stationary guard may be placed at a school for a period of time to discourage loitering and prevent vandalism.

2. Anti-Loitering Devices

- 2.1. In situations of chronic vandalism, anti-loitering devices may be considered. Prior to installing anti-loitering devices the following steps must be taken:
 - 2.1.1. Support from the Principal of the school must be obtained.
 - 2.1.2. There must be public consultation with parents, staff, the PAC, and neighbours by the Principal.
 - 2.1.3. The device must be installed as per manufacturer's recommended guidelines in a manner that has the greatest benefit to reduce loitering while having no impact on neighbours.
 - 2.1.4. The device must be on a timer to operate between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am Monday to Sunday. Operating hours for the device may only be altered from these standard hours with prior authorization from the Director of Facilities.
 - 2.1.5. Signs must be located on the site indicating that "School Grounds are closed between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am" and that "the site may have an anti-loitering device in place".
 - 2.1.6. For electronic anti-loitering devices the installation must be as follows:

- 2.1.6.1. Location – at least 150 feet from the edge of the property or closest neighbour.
- 2.1.6.2. Height – as per Health Canada’s recommendations of at least 2.5 meters off the ground.
- 2.1.6.3. Direction – downward towards the area of concern.
- 2.1.6.4. A label must be installed, clearly visible within .5 m of the device, stating that “Hearing damage could occur if the speaker is 30 cm or closer to your ear”.
- 2.1.6.5. The device must be tested after it is installed to ensure it is operating as per the procedures listed above.
- 2.1.6.6. An inventory of all electronic anti-loitering devices in the District must be maintained by Director of Facilities and devices must be tested annually to ensure they are operating as per the procedures above.

Reference: Sections 7, 10, 17, 20, 22, 65, 85, 177 School Act
Collective Agreements

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