

Wetaskiwin's Overall Crime Rates Have Decreased According to 2016 Data

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(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – Overall crime rates in Wetaskiwin have dropped since years past, according to Macleans Magazine's [Canada's Most Dangerous Places 2018](#) publication.

Positioned at No. 8 out of 229 Canadian communities, the City of Wetaskiwin saw a decrease in assaults, firearms offences, robberies, breaking and entering, and drug trafficking according to 2016 data. Crime rates in Canada have also plummeted over the past decade based on Statistics Canada's Crime Severity Index—which uses 2006 data as its benchmark.

“The local RCMP detachment is pleased to see a reduction in the severity of crimes from the previous year,” said Inspector Keith Durance, Detachment Commander of the Wetaskiwin RCMP. “We will continue to work diligently with City Council, Wetaskiwin residents, and our policing partners to develop crime reduction strategies in order to ensure our community's safety.”

The City of Wetaskiwin is committed to ensuring Wetaskiwin remains a safe, strong, and proud community, and is actively working with residents on many safety-focused initiatives. One recently developed initiative—the ‘*Let's Chat, Wetaskiwin*’ public engagement panel—surveys residents and stakeholders on many topics, including public safety issues. Feedback is then used to guide public policy, and other local initiatives.

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