# University of Manitoba Security Services Monthly March 2021





## FRAUD PREVENTION MONTH

Fraud Prevention Month is an annual public awareness campaign held in March that works to prevent Canadians from becoming victims of fraud. The Chief Risk Officer at the University of Manitoba along with the Director of Security Services are both Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE). As members of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, they work with more than 75,000 members to reduce business fraud worldwide and inspire public confidence in the integrity and objectivity within the profession. CFEs have a unique set of skills and combine knowledge of complex financial transactions with an understanding of methods, law, and how to resolve fraud. Fraud examiners train to understand why and how fraud occurs.

We have all heard stories of people becoming victims of fraud, whether it is an online scam, a phone scam, or identity theft. In many cases, we either know someone that has become a victim, or have become a victim of fraud ourselves. This is the main reason for Fraud Prevention Month, to raise awareness so that we can lower the opportunity of fraud.



### TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD

- Do not be fooled by the promise of a valuable prize in return for a low-cost purchase.
- Be extra cautious about calls, e-mails, or mailings offering international bonds or lottery tickets, a portion of a foreign dignitary's bank account, free vacations, credit repair, or schemes with unlimited income potential.
- Do not be afraid to hang up the phone, delete the email, or close your internet connection.
- Do not purchase a product or service without carefully checking out the product, service, and company.
- Do not be afraid to request further documentation from the caller so you can verify the validity of the company.
- Do not disclose personal information about your finances, bank accounts, credit cards, social insurance, and driver's license numbers to any business that cannot prove it is legitimate.
- Shred unwanted personal information such as bank statements, credit card bills, receipts, pay cheque, preapproved credit applications and old tax returns.
- Check your credit report every year and report problems immediately.
- If a scam artist contacts you, or if you have been defrauded, report it! All reports are vital in helping law enforcement agencies in their investigations.

For more information please visit:

http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/eic/site/cb-bc.nsf/vwapj/Little-Black-Book-Scams-2-e.pdf/\$file/Little-Black-Book-Scams-2-e.pdf

Government of Canada website links

http://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/eic/site/cb-bc.nsf/eng/04251.html

### CAMPUS SECURITY STATISTICS FEBRUARY 2021





### **Suspicious**

It is important to Security Services that the university community is comfortable and feels safe when spending time on campus. Security Services responds to reports of suspicious people and vehicles on campus.

Responses to suspicious calls 32

#### Safe Walk /Safe Ride

Safe Walk and Safe Ride is a free service in which Security Services staff will meet you and walk you or give a ride to/from your car, your class, your residence room, or a bus stop. If you don't feel comfortable walking on campus, Security Services would be happy to assist you.

Safe Walks 56 / Safe Ride Suspended due to Covid

### **Medical Emergencies**

Security Services responds to all medical emergencies on campus. Sometimes Security Services staff are the first to respond to an emergency, other times they play a key role in guiding the emergency responders to the correct building and room. 2 Medical Emergencies

### **Access**

Every day Security Services helps students and staff that want to gain access into buildings or rooms.

Unscheduled Access Requests 157

#### **Alarms**

Security Services responds to all safety and security alarms on campus for example: Fire, Code Blue, Elevator, Emergency Phones, Panic Alarms.

144 Response to Alarms

# University of Manitoba Fort Garry Campus - February 2021 Incidents

Theft			
Feb. 01	SERF Quonset	Theft of equipment from the Sea-Ice Environmental Research Facility	
		Mischief	
Feb. 19	Pembina Hall	Washroom vandalized	
Feb. 22	Parkade	Garbage can over turned/scattered garbage in the area	
		Petty Trespasses Act	
Feb. 15	On Campus	Individuals snowboarding on campus	
		Highway Traffic Act	
Feb. 10	On Campus	Vehicle stuck in snow on boulevard	

# University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus - February 2021 Incidents

		Mischief
Feb. 21	Parkade	Fire extinguisher box vandalized
		Drugs
Feb. 23	Parkade	Individual smoking cannabis in stairwell

