

## FACT SHEET – CRIME PREVENTION

### What is CRIME PREVENTION?

Crime prevention is any initiative or policy which reduces or eliminates victimization or the risk of individual criminal participation. It includes government and community based programs which go beyond law enforcement and criminal justice to tackle the risk factors that cause crime because it is proven to be more cost effective and leads to greater social benefits and safety.

Who is Responsible for Crime Prevention?

**We ALL are.**

Working together for the betterment of our communities.

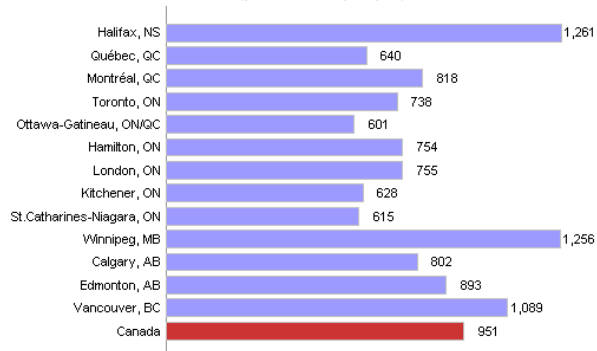
### What are some examples of effective crime prevention strategies in Canada?

- \*practicing safe and common sense habits
- \*building/restoring safe environments
- \*responding to at risk youth
- \*reducing poverty
- \*resolving homelessness
- \*delivering employment opportunities
- \*treating mental illness
- \*treating substance abuse
- \*protecting against abusive relationships
- \*implementing individualized reintegration strategies for offenders
- \*providing supervised and supportive alternative measures in response to criminal behaviour
- \*encouraging restorative justice measures

### More about Crime in Canada

	2006		2008		% Change	% Change
	Alberta	Canada	Alberta	Canada	Alberta	Canada
VIOLENT CRIME	1,101	951	1,120	933	+0.17	-.981
PROPERTY CRIME	4,480	3,388	3,895	3,067	-.868	-.905

**Violent crimes, large urban areas, 2006  
 (per 100,000 people)**



### What does the John Howard Society do around Crime Prevention? (Examples of MANY programs/services)

- Learning Employment Enhancement Program (Calgary)
- Alternatives For Adolescent Males Project (Calgary)
- Victims Assistance Program (Edmonton)
- Adult Transition Learning Centre (Edmonton)
- Halfway Houses (Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer)
- Tabona Youth Centre (Grande Prairie)
- Release Assistance Program (Lethbridge)
- Restorative Justice Project (Medicine Hat)