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# RECENT CRIME TRENDS IN YORK REGION AND CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

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York Regional Police continues to respond and adapt to changes in crime trends as a result of COVID-19 and the changes to daily life in our community. The following outlines some changes in crime trends that have been noticed and recommended crime prevention tips pertaining to areas where there have been increases.

Overall crime in York Region has decreased approximately 13 per cent in March 2020 compared to March 2019. The categories of crime that have decreased over this time period include:

Traffic violations	32% decrease
Impaired driving	29% decrease
Frauds	16% decrease
Weapons offences	13% decrease

Some types of incidents have increased since changes came into effect as a result of COVID-19, which include:

Commercial break and enters	45% increase
Thefts of vehicles	44% increase
Domestic incidents	22% increase
Stunt driving incidents - <50 km/h over the speed limit	60% increase

**Please note that these statistics are unaudited, are subject to change and are not official crime statistics.**

York Regional Police wants to remind our citizens that many of these offences can be prevented by taking precautions.

For information on supports for victims of domestic violence please visit Women's Centre of York Region at <http://www.wcyr.ca>

Tips for business owners to protect their property during periods of reduced hours or extended closures: <https://www.yrp.ca/en/Modules/News/index.aspx?newsId=20bfc0a0-b8e9-4765-ad3c-ee9b5b6fc93f>

Tips to prevent having your vehicle stolen: <https://www.yrp.ca/en/crime-prevention/vehicle-safety.asp>

York Regional Police has received more than 200 reports related to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act in the past seven days. The calls have been related to non-essential businesses operating and people failing to isolate or maintain physical distance. At this time, York Regional Police has not laid any charges under these new provisions and have been working to educate members of our community on what is required.

Information on the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act can be found here: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e09>

All York Regional Police facilities remain closed to the public as we work to combat the spread of COVID-19. In the case of an emergency, call 9-1-1. For non-emergencies, please call 1-866-876-5423

toll-free, or complete a report online at [yrp.ca/ReportIt](http://yrp.ca/ReportIt). Anyone contacting police for assistance can expect to be asked additional screening questions to limit the potential for spreading illness. There will be no changes to police response in an emergency.

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