

Traffic Engineering

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Traffic Control Device: **Signs**

Division: **Private**

Subject: **Local Crime Prevention Initiatives**

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## Purpose

The Department of Infrastructure and Transportation will support local crime prevention initiatives by allowing appropriate signing within the highway right-of-way for declared highways where the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation is the traffic authority. Local crime prevention initiatives can be divided into two categories: rural based (Rural Crime Watch) and those based in urban areas (Neighbourhood Watch, Block Parent, Crime Stoppers, etc.).

## Policy

### Rural Based Local Crime Prevention Initiatives: Rural Crime Watch and Citizens on Patrol

- Standard Rural Crime Watch Area signs (MI-55) and Citizens on Patrol signs will be allowed on the highway right-of-way. Non-standard signs will not be permitted.
- The Department will manufacture only standard Rural Crime Watch Area signs for any applicant including those signs that are intended for installation on non-Department roads. However, applicants should be encouraged to obtain **all** signs from private suppliers.
- The Department will install and maintain only standard Rural Crime Watch Area signs on Department roads. However, all sign manufacturing and installation costs, both initial and subsequent (maintenance replacement) will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- Where the Department manufactures the Rural Crime Watch Area signs, the applicant will be charged the entire sign manufacturing price plus applicable overheads.
- The applicant for all such signs will be the local Rural Municipality etc. by resolution on behalf of the local volunteer organization.
- Before standard signs may be installed, all non-standard signs must be removed.
- All rural local crime prevention signs should be installed as close as practical to the edge of right-of-way, and not closer than 1 km to an intersecting PTH/PR, or within 300 m of any existing traffic control device.

RECOMMENDED: ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
Director, Traffic Engineering

APPROVED: ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Engineering & Technical Services

**Urban Based Local Crime Prevention Initiatives:  
Block Parent, Crime Stoppers, Neighbourhood Watch**

In the majority of urban areas where these initiatives are applicable, the Department does not have jurisdiction over the roads in question, i.e. they are "Designated Highways". On these Designated Highways the Department has limited responsibility and authority. For reasons of provincial uniformity the Department will not participate in the manufacture, installation or maintenance costs of any urban based local crime prevention initiative. However, the Department will support these programs by allowing these signs on the right-of-way of Declared Highways under the following conditions:

- Only standard signs (size and message) will be permitted. Some approved signs are shown in the attached sketches. The smaller version of each sign should be used in 50 km/h speed zones where an urban cross section (curb & gutter) exists; the larger version should be used in higher speed areas where a rural cross section exists.
- Where an urban cross section exists these signs will normally be installed in the traffic control position (approximately 1 m from the curb line). All signs must be installed on standard posts.
- Where a rural cross section exists these signs must be installed as close as practical to the edge of right-of-way, and in any event not closer than 10 m to the edge of pavement.
- Local crime prevention signs may only be installed where the speed limit is less than 80 km/h.
- These signs will be permitted only in those locations where they do not interfere with, or detract from, existing traffic control devices.
- Where a rural cross section exists, the signs must be installed by Department forces with the entire manufacturing and installation costs billed back to the applicant.
- Requests for approval of proposed sign designs for other Crime Prevention Initiatives should be submitted to the Director of Traffic Engineering for approval.

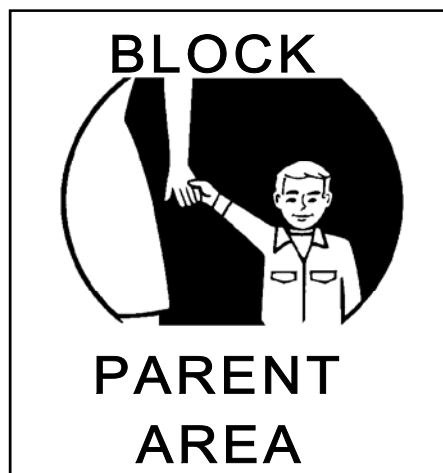
Where signs are installed by others, the responsibility for underground clearances (hydro, telephone, gas, etc.) rest with the installing authority, agent, etc.



RURAL 1200 X 900

URBAN 400 X 300

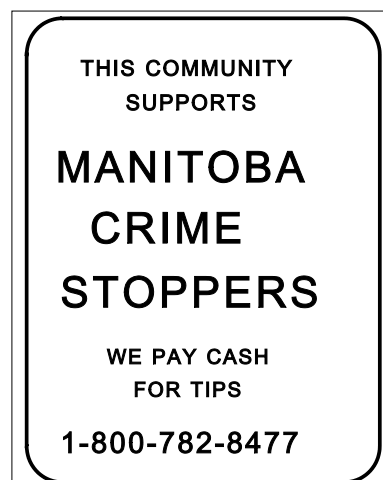
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RURAL 900 x 1000

URBAN 300 X 330

COLOUR Red on White



RURAL 800 X 1200

URBAN 300 X 450

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