

## Green Team South

The Green Team South is an integrated team of police officers from the Calgary Police Service and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police dedicated to investigating marijuana grow operations in Southern Alberta. Thanks to your tips, we are in your neighbourhood, working together to eliminate the negative impact that grow ops have on our community.



Calgary Police Service  
CPS DRUG TIP LINE  
403-428-8100  
[www.calgarypolice.ca](http://www.calgarypolice.ca)



ALERT  
[www.alert-ab.ca](http://www.alert-ab.ca)



CrimeStoppers  
1-800-222-8477  
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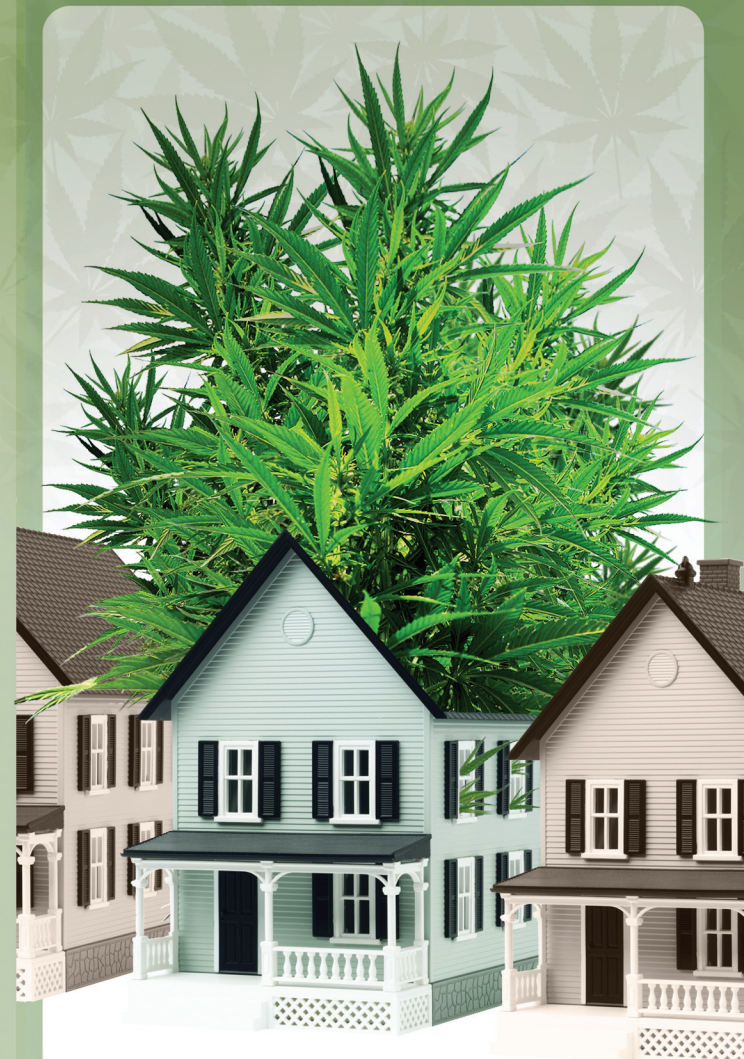
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## Co-ordinated Safety Response Team

Marijuana grow operations present a number of potential health and safety hazards. CSRT recognizes the hazards associated with marijuana grow operations and works to identify unsafe sites within the city and surrounding areas.

### Partners of the CSRT:

Calgary Police Service  
City of Calgary-Building Regulations  
Alberta Health Services  
ALERT-Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods  
City of Calgary-Animal & Bylaw Services



**KNOW YOUR  
NEIGHBOUR?**  
**HOW TO IDENTIFY  
A GROW OP**



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**MARIJUANA GROW OPS**

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- Windows covered or blacked out, or that have bars on them
- Sweating, staining, condensation, or 'wet spots' on siding, stucco and foundations, as well as on windows
- In winter months, snow melted off roof tops or melting around roof vents
- Electrical meters appearing to be tampered with
- Yards not maintained through seasons
- Occupants of residence never seen, or coming and going at odd times
- Vehicles coming and going from residence go directly into garage
- Inside of residence appears staged with minimal furniture and lights are on timers
- Garbage disposal minimal or non-existent
- Surveillance systems installed monitoring residence
- "Skunky" smell coming from residence
- Distinct smell of air fresheners, fabric softeners, or moth balls, typically used to mask the smell of growing marijuana



## HEALTH & SAFETY HAZARDS:

### Fire & Explosion Hazards

- Tampered or altered systems, like illegally bypassed electricity, have triggered fire and explosions
- Electrical ballasts which cause extreme heat from powering high-intensity ultraviolet grow lights, are often stored on wooden shelves
- Propane tanks with flexible gas lines for fuelling carbon dioxide generators, are typically altered
- Combustible chemicals are used during the growing process

### Intentional Deterrents

- Booby traps, barricaded doors, and surveillance systems, to prevent crop thefts and/or home invasion. These pose a risk to police, fire, EMS, and others attending

### Building Code Infractions

- Unapproved changes to accommodate a grow environment are often unsafe and involve serious infractions
- Structural damage resulting from holes through flooring/walls to run modified duct work, exhaust fans, and electrical wiring throughout structure
- Illegally bypassed water and electricity services

### Electrocution & Shock

- The high demand of electricity required for powering marijuana grow equipment in combination with illegal electrical bypasses, faulty wiring, secondary distribution panels, and transformers, all create a risk for electrocution

### Mould Growth & Water Damage

- The high humidity environment in a marijuana grow op creates the accumulation of moisture in wall cavities, attic spaces and basement crawl spaces. This moisture is difficult to properly vent, resulting in mould growth and poor air quality

### Chemical Hazards & Poisonous Gas

- The spraying and mixing of chemicals used in a grow op can form hazardous liquids and gases
- Improperly disposed of fertilizers, insecticides and fungicides contaminate city water systems and soil

### Risk of Criminal Activity & Violence in Neighbourhood

- Most marijuana grow operations are associated to organized crime groups. Home invasions with the potential of violence involving various weapons have occurred due to retaliation or attempts to eliminate competition
- Risk of wrong address being targeted by home invaders

**TIPS:**

## LANDLORD & PROPERTY MANAGERS

- Screen your tenants and always check references
- Request and take a copy of valid identification
- Take note of tenants' vehicles and license plates
- Avoid cash payments and pre-payment plans that encourage minimal contact with tenants and rental property
- Make it a requirement that your tenant carry insurance
- Make it a requirement that the utilities are in your tenant's name and confirm this by making a copy of the bills after the first billing cycle
- Know the neighbours surrounding your rental property and invite them to contact you with any concerns regarding your property
- Know the Residential Tenancy Act and your rights to check your property
- Do your first property check within the first two months of your tenant moving in and conduct checks at regular intervals



**TIPS:**

## BUYING PREVIOUSLY OWNED HOME

- Get a professional home inspection
- Check the Alberta Health Services website for a list of homes that have been condemned due to being a marijuana grow operation, but be aware, some previous marijuana grow operations not identified by police are still on the market and proper remediation processes have not followed

