

Who to call

REPORT IT: IT'S EASY

Do your part to make our community safer.
All phone numbers are operational 24/7.

EMERGENCY 9-1-1 For crime in progress

CRIME STOPPERS

There are 3 ways to leave an anonymous tip:

TALK: 1.800.222.8477

TYPE: crimestoppers.ab.ca

TEXTTIP: Text 'tttTIPS' and send your tip to
CRIMES (274637)

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Taking Action on Copper Theft

ENSURING SAFER COMMUNITIES



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WHAT IS COPPER THEFT?

Copper theft is a growing and challenging problem that tends to be underestimated. Both local and international supply and demand strongly influence copper theft. Local copper theft problems can be linked to international demand and high prices.

Thieves target all kinds of metals. Theft can include catalytic converters in cars, copper boat propellers, metal roof gutters and fencing. Wire from street lamps and telephone cables are also vulnerable, as well as vacant buildings and homes under construction.

Thieves use a variety of methods to locate and steal copper and metal. Some have posed as renovation contractors while stripping copper from vacant homes. Others have been known to use resources such as GOOGLE EARTH to identify large amounts of metal (such as spools of wire) stored outdoors.

Costs due to damage done by theft to commercial, residential or municipal property can easily outweigh the value of the stolen items.

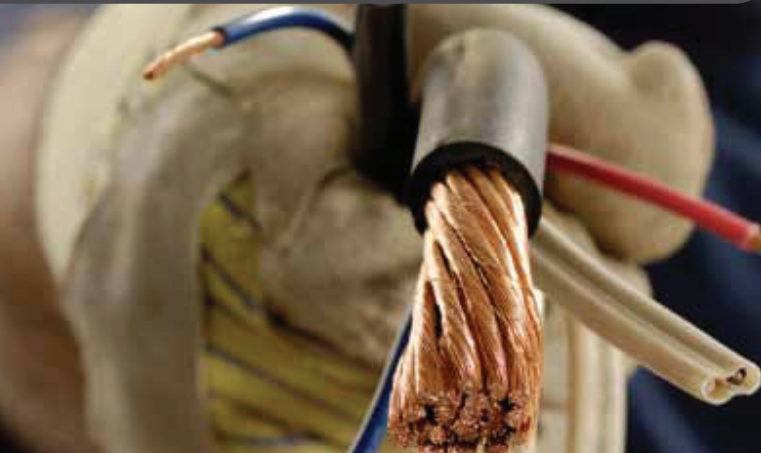


How does copper theft impact you?

- 9-1-1- service disruptions
- Threats to infrastructure and public safety (hospitals, emergency response systems)
- Power outages – e.g. electricity, heating, street and traffic lights, highway advance warning signs
- Communication systems such as phone, television and internet service outages
- Increases to service costs and added resource demands

Did you know...

Annual costs associated with the theft of copper in Alberta are estimated to be in the millions of dollars!



WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- * Smell of burning rubber (indicates thieves burning insulation off stolen wire).
- * People digging under roadways or underpasses for metal tubing.
- * Covers removed off street light pole or junction boxes.
- * Wires hanging out of covers or compartments.
- * People transporting odd or large amounts of wire or metal.

IF YOU SEE COPPER BEING STOLEN:

- * Call 9-1-1 (Crime in Progress)

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

- * If you witness persons loitering and suspect metal theft call the non emergency number of the agency involved or police to verify the work being done.
- * To report suspicious persons or vehicles or to report any other criminal activity anonymously, contact **CRIME STOPPERS**.