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What is CPANB?

The Crime Prevention Association of New Brunswick was incorporated as a non-profit organization in October 1994. CPANB includes members of all ages and sectors including teachers, health promoters, community leaders, social development practitioners, police officers, social workers, lawyers and correctional officers who advocate and promote social development and personal safety for all New Brunswickers.

CPANB is a member of New Brunswick's Roundtable on Crime and Public Safety which supports the Provincial Crime Prevention Strategy.

CPANB seeks to help mobilize communities, promote effective crime prevention strategies, encourage collaboration, support Crime Prevention through social development, and reduce crime opportunities through public awareness and education.

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What's Happening Nationally? Pandemic Crime Statistics



Data collected from roughly 59% of police services in Canada showed fewer calls for violent and property crimes during the pandemic. **Statistics Canada** says these types of police-reported criminal incidents fell by 18 per cent between March and October 2020.

The same data showed an increase in calls over the same time related to general well-being checks (+12%), domestic disturbances (+10%) and mental health-related calls (+10%), such as responses to a person in emotional crisis or apprehensions under the *Mental Health Act*.

Chartered Professional Accountants Canada reports that 34% of Canadians were the victims of fraud in 2020. **The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre** reported that victim losses during 2020 were \$107.5 million dollars (an increase of \$26.3 million compared to 2019).

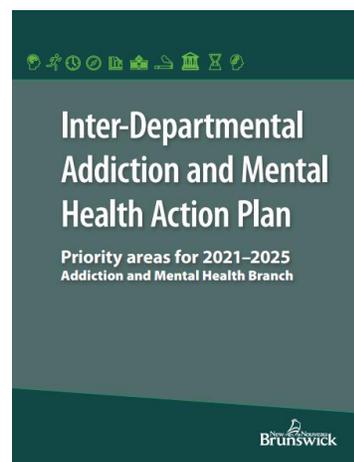
With more time spent online, it's important to know how to keep yourself and your workplace safe. The Competition Bureau of Canada has developed **The Little Black Book of Scams** to help keep you safe.

What's Happening Provincially? Addiction and Mental Health Action Plan

The **Inter-Departmental Addiction and Mental Health Action Plan** indicates that demand for mental health services has been increasing in the years prior to the pandemic. The overall goals of the five-year plan are to:

- **Improve Population Health:** reduce risk factors and improve access to what is needed to be healthy;
- **Improve Access:** faster first contact and reduced wait times for services;
- **Intervene Earlier:** greater access to prevention and early intervention supports and services;
- **Match Individuals to Care:** easily navigated and more complete continuum of services and supports; and
- **Reduce Drug-Related Impacts:** communities that are less burdened by the impact of substances, such as crime, illness, injury and death.

Part of the action plan put forth by the Minister of Health is to include faster and more accessible mental health and addiction services as well as broader integration, collaboration and knowledge exchange among mental health, acute care, primary care, public health and other government departments that are stakeholders in mental health.



What's Happening Locally?

Affordable Housing Incentive

The City of Fredericton is hoping that incentives in the provincial Affordable Rental Housing Program will help boost affordable housing in the city. Neither the City nor the Province have the ability to legislate developers into including affordable housing in new developments but can provide economic assistance or benefits under the city's zoning bylaws.

Fredericton's Affordable Housing Committee (FAHC) was the result of an identified need for affordable housing to ensure that every Frederictonian has a safe and affordable place to call home. Housing is one of the most important social determinants of health, having large impacts on physical, mental and behavioural health. Effects of affordable housing include tax generation, creation of jobs, opportunities for economic development, increased job retention and productivity, and the ability to address inequality.

The *At Home/Chez Soi Project* in Moncton, which prioritizes Housing First and then ensures individuals receive recovery-oriented services, has illustrated that Housing First can be implemented in a small city, results in a decreased use of services, improves the quality of life for individuals and is a wise investment.

Housing First principles:

- 1 Immediate access to housing with no housing readiness conditions
- 2 Consumer choice and self-determination
- 3 Recovery orientation
- 4 Individualized and person-driven supports
- 5 Social and community integration

The Housing Continuum



Source: CMHC



Are you interested in joining the **Love Shouldn't Hurt** campaign to end intimate partner violence in New Brunswick? **Learn more here.**



Do you have a submission?

Do you have a crime prevention initiative that you'd like to see featured here? Submissions can be emailed to jpsprevention.jspprevention@gnb.ca