

Yuułu?ił?ath Government

Community Safety Notice



June 5, 2025

?uḥ?aλḥasuu Citizens and Residents of hitaċu,

The Yuułu?ił?ath Government has been made aware of a public safety concern within our community. We are taking this matter seriously, as we value the safety and security of all citizens. To ensure a swift and effective resolution, we are seeking the public's assistance.

If you have any information or evidence related to a public safety issue, please call the local RCMP nonemergency line at **(250) 726-7773**. For questions and concerns contact Chief Administrative Officer Kristine Brown by phone at **(778) 942-0558** or by email at <u>cao@ufn.ca</u>.

Sincerely,

Yuułu?ił?ath Government – Ucluelet First Nation



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Your Child's Safety is Our Shared Priority

The safety and well-being of our youth remain a top priority for the Yuułu?ił?ath Government. As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a secure environment for families, we want to remind parents, guardians, and caregivers to stay informed and vigilant regarding potential risks, including inappropriate contact or behavior from individuals who may pose a threat to our youth.

Understanding the Risks

Unfortunately, like many communities, ours is not immune to the presence of individuals who may seek to exploit or harm youth. While most people in our community have good intentions, it is essential to remain cautious and proactive in educating and protecting our youth from inappropriate advances, either online or in person.

What You Can Do:

- Have open conversations. Talk with your children about personal boundaries, privacy, and the importance of telling a trusted adult if something, or someone, makes them feel uncomfortable, scared, or unsure.
- **Reassure and support.** Let your child know that it's never their fault if someone is making them feel unsafe, whether it happens in person or online. Emphasize that they won't get in trouble for speaking up.
- **Recognize warning signs.** Watch for sudden changes in mood or behavior, increased secrecy, avoidance of certain people, or unexplained gifts. These may be signs that something is wrong.
- Respond calmly if your child discloses a concern:
 - Stay calm and listen carefully. Your child needs to feel safe, heard, and believed.
 - Thank them for coming to you. Let them know they did the right thing by speaking up.
 - Don't confront the individual yourself. This could increase the risk to your child or interfere with any investigation.
 - Report it right away. In British Columbia, you can contact Child Protection Services at 1-800-663-9122 or the RCMP by dialing 911, 24/7.
 - Keep communication open and ongoing.
 - Seek professional help. A counselor or child psychologist can support your child's emotional wellbeing.
- Stay alert to possible threats:
 - Know who is spending time with your child, including friends, coaches, neighbors, and online connections.
 - Trust your instincts. If something feels off, report it.

If you are aware of, or have any information about, potential threats to our community, we encourage you to contact the Chief Administrative Officer Kristine Brown immediately by phone at **(778) 942-0558** or by email at **cao@ufn.ca**.