

# **THE KELOWNA RCMP SENIORS CONTACT PROGRAM**

## **WHAT IS THE SENIORS CONTACT PROGRAM?**

The Kelowna RCMP, through its Community Policing Offices, has initiated a Seniors Contact Program. In this program, seniors who qualify will be contacted from our Community Policing Offices, by phone, on a regular basis (Monday to Saturday).

## **WHO QUALIFIES?**

Persons living alone that DO NOT have a care-giver, home maker, etc., checking or visiting on a regular basis.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Persons who have been referred for this program will be interviewed by the Crime Prevention Office to determine suitability. Accepted applicants will be required to complete and sign the application/release form.

Referrals for this program will be taken from agencies and organizations working with seniors or from individuals who are aware of seniors who live alone and could benefit from this program.

## **HOW DOES THE SENIORS CONTACT PROGRAM WORK?**

Daily, at a predetermined time (usually between 10 am and 12 noon) program participants will be called by telephone. The call will be brief as the intent is to ensure the person is OK (please remember this is not a casual social call).

If contact cannot be made (no answer) – we will try back at least three times over one hour. If there is still no answer, one of the individuals that are listed as an emergency contact on the application form will be contacted.

## **WHO DO I CONTACT?**

If you are aware of someone who might benefit from this program, please make them aware of it and have them call the:

**KELOWNA RCMP CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE 470-6214**

**REGIONAL DISTRICT CRIME PREVENTION OFFICE 470-6218**