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Government of Yukon wants your opinion on missing persons legislation

The Government of Yukon is considering legislation that would assist RCMP in missing persons investigations.

At this time, the RCMP is limited in the activities they can perform and the tools they can use during a search for a missing person unless there is evidence of criminal activity. New territorial legislation would help police access vital personal information to advance the investigation, while still protecting a person's right to privacy.

The government is seeking public input on what should be included and what is important to Yukoners, when considering new missing persons legislation.

Consultation will begin on July 4, 2017, and comments will be accepted until September 11, 2017. To provide your opinions, you can fill out a survey or email justice@gov.yk.ca.

Quotes

"The RCMP need access to the right tools to do their jobs. When trying to locate missing persons, every minute of a search is crucial. A new Yukon law, similar to those enacted in six Canadian provinces, is designed to assist police in locating missing persons as quickly as possible."

–Minister of Justice and Attorney General Tracy-Anne McPhee

Quick facts

- According to the National Centre for Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains (NCMPUR), more than 70,000 Canadians go missing each year.
- In 2016, 125 Yukoners (54 adults, 71 youth and children) were reported missing.
- While most children and youth in Canada are classified as runaways, most adults who go missing are gone for unknown reasons (source: NCMPUR).

Learn more: [Missing Persons Legislation Survey](#)

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