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# Property Damage or Loss Claims Policy

## Purpose:

To ensure the EPS is compensated for any damage or loss to EPS property by a member of the public and, that when appropriate to do so, the City of Edmonton provides restitution when an EPS member causes damage or loss to private property. This policy applies only to property damage or loss other than that caused by a service vehicle collision or deliberate vehicle contact.

## Statement of Principle:

The EPS is committed to accepting accountability, when appropriate, for property damage or loss caused by EPS members in the course of their duties and taking steps to rectify the damage or loss caused.

## Policy Statement:

### A. Damage or Loss to Non-EPS Property by EPS Members:

The actions of members in the course of their employment duties may cause damage or loss to property. Whenever reasonably possible, members must avoid damaging or losing property when carrying out their employment duties.

When property damage or loss that may have resulted from the actions of an EPS member occurs, members must not make any statement promising restitution and must notify the Duty Officer through their chain of command to ensure attendance at the scene and assess the damage or loss.

If members are sued for financial compensation for property damage or loss as a result of actions taken in the course of their policing duties, they must immediately notify Legal Advisors Section.

### B. Damage to EPS Property by Non-Members:

When a member of the public may have damaged EPS property, the Duty Officer must be notified. In instances where the division wants the City of Edmonton to pursue compensation from the party who damaged the property and the value of the damage is above \$500, then a claim must be submitted via the City of Edmonton's eClaims form.