

Union Gospel Mission: 604-253-3323
616 East Cordova, Vancouver.
Mats and beds. Alcohol/drug free.

Yukon Shelter: 604-264-1680
2088 Yukon St. (at 5th), Vancouver.
24 hours, 3 meals. Wheelchair accessible.
Pets welcome. Referral/liaison.

Youth // // //

Aboriginal SafeHouse: 604-254-5147
16-18 years, self-referral. 72 hours clean/sober,
no alcohol/drug use. Hot meals.

Covenant House: 604-685-7474
575 Drake, Vancouver.
16-22 years. No alcohol/drug use 12 hours prior. Curfew.
Highly structured service.

Dusk to Dawn: 604-688-0399
1056 Comox St. (at Thurlow), Vancouver.
No sleeping. 21 years and under. Open 7 pm. Sun - Thurs.
Hot meal at 8:30 pm. Laundry.

North Shore Youth Safe House: 1-877-789-6884
13-18 years. Clean/sober. Goal-oriented.

Walden Safe House: 604-877-1234
16-18 years. Hard drug-free. Goal-oriented.

Men // // //

Catholic Charities Men's Hostel: 604-443-3292
828 Cambie, Vancouver.
Open at 4 pm, vacate by 7:30 am. Food voucher.
No wheelchair access.

Garfield Hotel: 604-521-2421
1107 Royal Ave., New Westminster.
Registration 6 pm-10 pm. Meal tickets. No alcohol/drug use.

Harbour Light: 604-646-6800
119 East Cordova, Vancouver.
Open at 11 pm.
Meals, out during day, alcohol/drug free.

The Haven: Day 604-646-6800, Evenings 604-646-6806
128 East Cordova, Vancouver.
Beds. Hot breakfast, out during day.

Richmond House: 604-276-2490
3111 Shell Rd., Richmond.
24 hours. Referral only through MHR. No alcohol/drug use.

Stevenson House: 604-526-4783
32 Elliot St., New Westminster.
Referral through MHR. No alcohol/drug use.

Tri Cities Mat Program: 604-552-1726
1477 Lougheed Hwy., Port Coquitlam.
Registration 4 pm-5:30 pm, first come first served.
Alcohol/drug free.

Women/Families // // //

Bridge Emergency Shelter: 604-684-3542
Downtown East Side.
Single women, up to 30 days stay. 24 hours, 3 meals.
Must be MHR eligible. Harm reduction.

Fraserside: 604-525-3929
New Westminster.
Families and single women. 24 hours. Must be MHR eligible.
No alcohol/drugs.

Homestead: 604-266-9696
975 West 57th, Vancouver.
Single women and women with kids (no boys over 13). 24 hours,
3 meals. No alcohol/drugs.

Powell Place: 604-606-0403
Vancouver.
Single women and lesbian couples. 24 hours, referral and support.
(Not a transition house).

St. Elizabeth's Place: 604-606-0412
Mount Pleasant.
Female-headed families, single women, and same sex couples.
Low barrier. 24 hours, 3 meals, laundry.
(Not a transition house).

Sheena's Place: 604-581-1538
Surrey.
Single women or with children. 1 family per room, single share.
(Not a transition house).

Umbrella: 604-606-0367
(Seasonal – open until April 30, 2005)
1321 Richards St., Vancouver.
Women only. 24 hours, 3 meals, referral and support.
Wheelchair accessible.

Vi Fineday: 604-736-2423
Kitsilano.
Male or female headed families, couples without children or single
women. No alcohol/drugs.

Welcome House for Immigrants: 604-684-7498
530 Drake St., Vancouver.
Families and singles - priority to newcomers.
Apartments - fee for service. Call 9 am-5 pm.

Safe Streets Act & Trespass Act

Now in effect
in British Columbia

Understanding the New Laws
& Shelter Contact Info

Abridged from the Province of
British Columbia
<http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/safe-streets/>
and Greater Vancouver Cold/Wet Weather Strategy.
www.shelternetbc.ca/cwws.htm

Safe Streets

• **Coalition** •

www.safestreetscoalition.com
Lower Mainland 604-910-SAFE (7233)
Toll-Free 1-866-735-SAFE (7233)



The Safe Streets Act divides offences into two categories: Aggressive Solicitation and Captive Audience Solicitation.

Examples of Aggressive Solicitation would lead a person to fear for their safety and include:

- Aggressively following people while asking them for money.
- Blocking a person's passage while demanding money when the person is trying to walk down the street.
- Making rude comments or lewd gestures if someone refuses to give you money, if those actions would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety.
- Any other action that would make a reasonable person fear for their safety.

Examples of Captive Audience Solicitation include:

- Approaching a person while they are in a captive audience situation. A captive audience situation includes being at a bus stop, an ATM (bank machine), or while a person is sitting in a car at a stop light.

Is Panhandling now illegal?

No, this is not an anti-panhandling or antibeggar law. This is an anti-aggressive solicitation law and an anti-captive audience solicitation law. Panhandling that is not aggressive and is away from a captive audience location is not illegal under the Safe Streets Act or under the amended Trespass Act.

Charities&Fundraisers

Question: Can charities still hold fundraisers on bank property, in front of a grocery store or near automated teller machines?

Answer: Yes, as long as the person soliciting has received express permission from the owner or occupier of the premises. With that permission, the law allows solicitation within five metres of the ATM.

Examples of violations of the amended Trespass Act include:

- Remaining on, or returning to, private property after being asked to leave by the property owner or occupier or a representative of the property owner or occupier. The person in this situation must provide their correct name and address if asked.
- Defacing signs that give notice of trespass or prohibited activities.



Can a person be arrested under the Safe Streets Act or Trespass Act?

Police will have the option to educate, issue a violation ticket or issue a provincial appearance notice requiring a person to appear in court. For situations where a person continues the offence or repeats it, Police have the authority to arrest.

Fine Amounts

How much are the violation tickets under the Safe Streets Act and amended Trespass Act? Depending on the contravention, tickets are \$86, including an \$11 victim surcharge levy and \$115, including a \$15 victim surcharge levy.

Question: Where do people go to pay the tickets?

Answer: ICBC collects violation tickets on behalf of the government. All payment options including mail-in options are listed on the back of the violation tickets.

Question: What if a person issued a ticket doesn't pay it?

Answer: A person who is issued a violation ticket has 30 days to pay it, or take steps to dispute the ticket. If the person does not pay or dispute the ticket, they are deemed guilty and the fine amount becomes payable to the Crown. The person would then be subject to collection activity.

Question: You said ICBC is collecting the tickets. Does collection activity mean if someone doesn't pay a ticket for aggressive panhandling they'd lose their license?

Answer: No, ICBC would not refuse to issue a driver's licence in this case. If this type of fine went unpaid for an extended period of time it would be passed on to a collections agency to recover. ICBC would not take any action.

Question: Can a person go to jail for not paying their ticket?

Answer: This ticket is not unlike a parking or speeding ticket. A person cannot go to jail in Canada for refusing to pay a ticket.

Inability to Pay

Question: Do you expect someone with no money to pay a fine?

Answer: We expect people to not break the law. If they do there are consequences. An inability to pay a fine has never been an excuse for breaking the law.

Question: Where do you send violation tickets if the person is homeless?

Answer: Violation tickets are handed out on the spot.

Question: Can a person go to jail for violating the Safe Streets Act or amended Trespass Act?

Answer: Yes, in certain circumstances. It is up to a judge to determine whether a person will face a jail sentence based on repeat offences or the nature of the specific offence. The judge would have other options, including prohibiting a person from returning to the area of the offence.



Men & Women

Anchor of Hope: 604-646-6899
(Seasonal – open until April 30, 2005)
134 East Cordova, Vancouver.
11 pm to 7 am. Mats, soup/bun.
Wheelchair accessible.

Belkin House: 604-681-3405
555 Homer, Vancouver.
Registration at 4 pm, open at 6:30 pm, out at 7:30 am. Dorms,
3 meals. Alcohol/drug free.

Crosswalk: 604-669-4349
108 W. Hastings St., Vancouver.
Open 11:30 pm. Mats. Coffee/snacks.
Wheelchair accessible.

First Baptist Church: 604-683-8441
969 Burrard St., Vancouver.
Tuesday nights only. Open 9:30 pm. Meal.
Shelter priority for under 19.

Gateway: 604-589-7777
(Seasonal – open to April 30, 2005)
10667-135A St., Surrey.
After 5 pm. Supper.
No wheelchair access.

Hyland House: 604-599-8900
6595 King George Highway, Surrey.
No alcohol/drug use. Referral through MHR. Laundry facilities.

Lookout: 604-681-9126
346 Alexander, Vancouver.
24 hours, 3 meals. Wheelchair accessible. Pets welcome. Referrals to
needed services.

North Shore: 604-982-9126
705 West, North Vancouver. 24 hours, 3 meals. Wheelchair
accessible. Pets welcome. Referral/liaison.

Out of the Cold: 604-255-1411
(Seasonal – call for dates)
1803 E., Vancouver. Thursday nights only. Dinner and registration
at 8 pm, out at 9 am.

Tenth Avenue Church: 604-876-2181
11 West 10th Ave, Vancouver. Monday nights only. Open 7 pm, meal
at 7:30 pm. 25 mats.

Triage: 604-254-3700
707 Powell, Vancouver. 24 hours, 3 meals. Wheelchair accessible.
Pets welcome.

