

## **RCMP Remind People of the Dangers of Trespassing**

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The Cochrane RCMP are reminding residents to stay off of private land, and failing to do so is trespassing. Every year the RCMP need to remind Cochrane residents and non residents alike that “cliff jumping” into the water while on the Tokjarhpabi Nature Reserve, behind the Jumping Pound subdivision, is illegal. The Tokjarhpabi Nature Reserve is private property and being in this area is trespassing. Trespassing on private property is contrary to The Petty Trespass Act and can result in charge that carries with it a \$287 fine.

Being on the water or the immediate shore area or the riparian zone, is itself not illegal, nobody can own that part of the waterway, however it is very difficult to get to this area without trespassing on the Toki Conservation Society Land, and the cliff itself is part of Toki Conservation Society Land. The area is well signed and yet people continue to disregard the messages. The RCMP every year, are out enforcing the trespassing laws in this area.

“Cliff jumping from this cliff is not only illegal, its extremely dangerous” said Cst Kary Moore with the Cochrane RCMP. This was the case last Friday night where a young person jumped from the cliff and sustained minor injuries. The Tokjarhpabi Nature Reserve has also been declared an “ecologically sensitive area” by Environment Canada, so there’s an additional concern of fires starting in the area, with the current dry conditions, a carelessly discarded cigarette could mean disaster for this area.

Residents of this area can and do provide the RCMP with local intelligence. Members of the surrounding subdivisions advise the RCMP when there is a suspicious vehicle parked in the no parking areas and when there are suspicious people and groups heading to the cliff area.

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