

NOTICE

TO: Depot Network

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RE: **Theft at Bottle Depots – Province Wide**

Attention Depot Operators and Staff,

The Beverage Container Management Board (“BCMB”) has been informed of multiple thefts occurring at Depots across the province of Alberta. These thefts have mostly involved property damage and theft of onsite cash. Some have involved theft of beverage containers.

This notice is to spread awareness and provide some suggestions to help reduce the opportunity for thefts to occur. It is good practice to take a safety inventory of your depot and property to ensure your business is as secure as possible. Some security options are listed below:

- **Install secure locks on all doors and windows.**
- **Lock your overhead doors and man doors at all times.**
- **Consider installing a security system.**
- **Change locks if keys have been lost or stolen.**
- **High value items should be stored out of sight when not in use.**
- **Sheds and trailers should also be locked.**
- **Doors should have sturdy frames, with hinges that cannot be removed.**
- **Have a Security Plan for what to do in case of a break in/theft and review the steps with your staff including: First steps, contact numbers for Police/lock smiths and video surveillance retention.**

Regarding beverage containers and shipping supplies, per Depot Bylaw section 10.16, they must be secured indoors. If left out in yards unsecured, they are susceptible to theft.

For more information, please contact a BCMB Compliance Officer by calling/emailing:

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