

# 2010 WINTER OLYMPIC & PARALYMPIC GAMES

## FREQUENTLY ASKED SECURITY QUESTIONS

*Q What are the roles of the V2010 ISU and the VPD in providing Games security and public safety both in the venues and the urban domain?*

In simple terms the V2010 ISU looks after designated venues from the fence line in. For the rest of the city it is business as usual with the VPD handling policing. The VPD will also be responsible for criminal investigations inside the venues. The V2010 ISU will provide some support for transportation issues and corridors but that is still in the planning stages.

*Q Will public safety be compromised in the urban domain as a result of the Games security needs?*

Absolutely not. The VPD will be maintaining our current minimum deployment levels throughout the city. In most areas it will actually be enhanced.

*Q What is the role of the military in securing the Games? Will the Canadian Forces be patrolling city streets?*

The Canadian Forces will be providing some support during the Games but will not be patrolling in the city.

*Q Will there be an increased VPD presence in the urban domain?*

Yes there will be an increased presence of the VPD in the Entertainment District, Live Sites, pedestrian corridors and the Business/Hotel districts. This additional deployment will provide a visible presence in support of crowd management given the anticipated influx of visitors. The deployment model will be similar to the additional policing deployed during events such as the Celebration of Lights or the Grey Cup. The RCMP and other police agencies will be responsible for venue policing but not the Urban Domain.

*Q Will my movements be restricted in anyway as a result of the Games security needs? Of particular interest to me is my desire to access public spaces such as parks, the seawall and public institutions.*

There may be temporary interruptions to facilitate transportation issues. As well there may be some traditional public spaces that are being used for Olympic related festivities such as the plaza of the Q.E. Theatre but generally speaking public access will remain the same.

The average resident, who is not attending a 2010 Games event, will not likely experience any security restrictions. Residents may experience an increased volume of traffic and corresponding traffic disruptions that could affect their daily schedule during Games time.

*Q Will I be subject to searches when I am in the urban domain?*

People in the urban domain will only be searched if the police have a legitimate legal authority to conduct the search, there are no special powers granted the police as a result of the Games. If the legal grounds exist to conduct a search it will occur. There are no plans, or lawful authority, to conduct arbitrary, groundless searches within the urban domain.

*Q Will protests be allowed during the Games? Can you provide any guidelines on what level of protest will be allowed and what won't be tolerated? Does this reflect a change from practices during non Games time?*

Protests within the Urban Domain will be policed by the VPD. Lawful protest activity on public spaces will certainly be permitted as it is now. Any unlawful activity including attempts to obstruct roadways or pedestrian access will result in enforcement action. The VPD would encourage groups wanting to protest during the Games to contact our Operational Planning Unit to open lines of communication that will assist that group in conducting lawful demonstrations. Demonstrations on private property will be policed in accordance with the instructions of the property owner and existing legal authority.



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*Q Will protest zones be set up to help facilitate this activity? What will happen if a protest occurs outside of the designated areas?*

The V2010 ISU is looking to establish areas in close proximity to venues to facilitate protest activity in a safe and visible manner. Lawful protest activity will be permitted in public space as it is now with the same caveats as the previous question

*Q Will protesters be allowed to put up signs or carry messages which support their issue? Will the distribution of written material be allowed?*

Within the Urban Domain the only enforcement action contemplated in regards to signs or messages will be if the signs or their support mechanism are used as a weapon or to obstruct the vision of others.

*Q There are a number of vulnerable populations in the community particularly within the inner-city communities. What are the plans for dealing with the following groups during Games time:*

- *Homeless*  
Some will be displaced due to their proximity to venues. The VPD will work with the City of Vancouver to assist in their relocation to an appropriate shelter or they will be allowed to move to an area where they will not impact venue security.
- *Panhandlers*  
Status Quo, aggressive panhandlers will be dealt with according to existing legislation.
- *Sex trade workers*  
Status Quo
- *Drug users*  
Status Quo

*Q Does the response differ from that which occurs during non-Games time?*

Only in relation to the impacted homeless people as detailed above

*Q There will be a much greater level of traffic congestion in the City and especially in the downtown core. What plans are in place to facilitate access for emergency services (medical, fire, etc.)?*

V2010 ISU and the partner Integrated Public Safety Unit are working together to insure delivery of emergency services is not negatively impacted.

*Q Will there be CCTV used during the Games?*

Yes. There will be cameras used at each venue as part of the security plan. Additionally, there will be some use of cameras within the public gathering areas of the Urban Domain such as the “Live Sites” and the Entertainment District. There will not be cameras used in residential areas including the DTES.

To assist the residents of the DTES in dealing with concerns arising from the Games the VPD have identified a contact person from the District 2 Beat Enforcement Team who will address any questions or concerns from now until Games time.

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