

## **Illegal Encampments**



### **Building Safe Communities Program**

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Illegal encampments are complicated social issues involving people camping on ground they do not own or have authorization to do so by owners of the property. These illegal encampments can usually be found in wooded areas, parks, bodies of water and can be abandoned or still in use. When illegal encampments are abandoned it can cost on average \$4000 to clean up the site. If you find an illegal encampment in your neighbourhood call the City at 3-1-1.

Before it can be cleaned up and removed the CPS must place a 72 hour trespass notice before clearing out the area. It's recommended that residents wait for CPS or Bylaw Officers to dispose of the encampment properly.

#### **Additional Resource:**

The Alpha House an agency that serves vulnerable populations in Calgary, the agency has an Encampment team that helps individuals who need relocation and provides support for those setting up illegal encampments with legal accommodations.

To file a complaint or learn more about what to do about an encampment in your area, call 311.

For more resources, check out the Federation of Calgary Communities website

[www.calgarycommunities.com](http://www.calgarycommunities.com)

under the Building Safe Communities tab.