

ANTI-RACISM IN PUBLIC SAFETY

WHAT IS PUBLIC SAFETY?

Public safety is about ensuring that the public spaces and the interactions we have within them, are safe, welcoming, and peaceful.



ROLE OF THE CITY IN PUBLIC SAFETY

To ensure all residents and visitors are free from harm and feel safe across the city. This includes feeling comfortable physically and emotionally in communities and spaces across the city. As well as feeling safe and comfortable when dealing with public safety services (i.e. fire, bylaw, transit, EMS, etc).



WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

Unfortunately, not all Calgarians have safe, welcoming and peaceful experiences in public spaces. This is especially true for Indigenous, Black and Racialized people. Hateful behaviours and speech continues to put their lives and wellbeing at risk.

We need to ensure that Indigenous, Black and Racialized communities are free from harassment, hate, discrimination, harm and systemic discrimination.



WHAT DOES ANTI-RACIST PUBLIC SAFETY MEAN?



It means that people are able to fully take part in community life, use public spaces and city services and receive fair, equitable and dignified treatment from enforcement. It means that City services are accountable, bias free, culturally responsive, and racially equitable.

We need to make sure that we are all safe in our city. This means identifying and making recommendations that would create safer interactions and experiences in Calgary.