

Roadside Management Manual**Section:**
**STANDARD PRIVATE SIGNING
OPPORTUNITIES****Subject:**
RURAL CRIME WATCH AREA**INTRODUCTION**

The Provincial Highway Sign Control Regulations established under the Highways and Transportation Act, 1997 allow for the installation of private signs adjacent to provincial highways.

DEFINITION

Rural crime watch is a community driven, community led, police supported crime prevention, and crime reduction collaborative program. The signs may be used to promote public safety and protection.

POLICY

The Ministry of Highways (MoH) may approve the installation of Rural Crime Watch Area signs to be installed by a municipality. The signs will be allowed on private property or up to one metre inside the highway Right of Way.

**GENERAL
CONDITIONS**

Applicants should review policy [RSMM 1220-00 GENERAL CONDITIONS](#), for specific information on permits, sign design and location and sightline requirements.

SIGN DESIGN

The signs are supplied and installed by the municipality. It is suggested that Rural Crime Watch Area signs satisfy the following in order to be readable, and consistent throughout the province:



**Suggested
Appearance**

- A black legend on a yellow background.
- Retro-reflective to show the same colour by night as by day.
- Desirable sign size of 1200 x 1200 mm, but a minimum of 600 x 600 mm.
- A desirable minimum of 150 mm letter height.
- A similar appearance as depicted in this policy
- The bottom edge of the sign assembly will not be less than one metre or greater than three metres above ground level.
- Signposts shall be installed as described in [TCDM 201 Wood Posts and Supports](#).
- Signs cannot be attached to fence posts, utility poles, or posts supporting official highway signs.

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Municipalities will be allowed to install one Rural Crime Watch Area sign for each Provincial Highway entering the Rural Crime Watch Area.

The signs will be installed to face in the direction of travel on the highway entering the rural crime watch area being signed.

The signs will be allowed on private property with the landowner's permission, or up to one metre inside the highway right-of-way.

The signs will not be installed within 100 m of any other private sign that is installed under a MoH permit or an official highway sign.

The signs must not obstruct the lines of sight from any roadway approaching the highway.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Municipality will be responsible for sign design, ordering, location, installation (including posts and hardware), maintenance, and all related costs.

When a Rural Crime Watch Area sign is damaged, the Municipality will be responsible for the replacement and installation of a new sign.

The municipality shall be responsible to identify and locate the property of third parties, in particular utilities, and make all arrangements with third parties and take whatever precautions are necessary to protect the property of third parties.

APPLICATION

Rural Crime Watch Area signs that are located within MoH's control area requires a permit. The application will be made to the Ministry using the Rural Crime Watch Sign application form which is attached to this policy and available at [Saskatchewan.ca](https://saskatchewan.ca), Putting up Road Signs, [Rural Crime Watch Application Form](#).

MoH will provide an identification sticker with the permit. After a sign has been installed, the municipality will apply the identification sticker on the lower left-hand front of the sign.

Certification of permission to install the sign from the landowner and/or renter may be required.

REMOVAL

Rural Crime Watch Area signs may be removed if, in the opinion of MoH, the conditions of this policy are not being met.

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Section: Private Signing Opportunities

Subject: APPLICATION FORM

RURAL CRIME WATCH AREA SIGN APPLICATION FORM

PART 1



Applicant: _____
(Rural Municipality)

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____

Application to install a sign(s) 1 meter inside the ROW or within 400 metres of a provincial highway at the following location(s):

Highway #	Parcel #	Legal Land Location or GPS Coordinates	Distance from Highway Centre Line (m)	Landowner Name

I/We certify that permission to install the sign has been obtained from the landowner(s).

Signature of Applicant

Date

Submit completed application form to the Regional Office responsible for the sign location: [Link to Regional Office Areas Map](#)

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

We suggest that a signed letter authorizing the sign installation be obtained from the landowner. This letter should be retained by the applicant for future reference.

On a separate sheet of paper, the applicant will provide the following;

1. A diagram, sketch or photo of the proposed sign including:
 - the dimensions of the sign; and how it is mounted (Wood Post, Vehicle, Trailer, etc.)
 - the colour of the background and lettering.
2. A sketch of the proposed location including:
 - distance from highway centreline;
 - distance from property lines (road allowance, blind line, ¼ line);
 - direction that the sign faces; and
 - distance from any existing private sign.

Applicants are reminded that signs must comply with all local bylaws.