



RVDA of Alberta Monthly E-Newsletter

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Please enjoy this edition of the RVDA of Alberta's Monthly E-Newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, please reply to [Carrie Nelson](#) or call (780) 455-8562.

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Industry Events:

RV Learning Weekend – Ol' MacDonalds Resort:



The 6th Annual RV Learning Weekend will be held once again at [Ol' MacDonalds Resort](#) on May 25th-27th. The past 5 years have been very successful, and our attendance has grown each year! Whether you have been an avid RVer for years; are contemplating purchasing a RV or recently purchased a new one, this weekend will benefit everyone.

The seminars provide everyone with the knowledge necessary to have a successful and enjoyable RV experience for years to come. In addition, you get to make new friends and have some fun while you learn! This is a great family weekend so save the date for this year's event. We hope to see you there! If you or if you know someone who would like to attend RV Learning Weekend, please see our website for registration or further information on the [RVDA of Alberta website](#). Registration ends on May 18! If you have any questions regarding the event or if you'd like to become a sponsor, please call the office at (780) 455-8562/1-888-858-8787.

Canadian RVing & Camping Week – Dealer & Campground Participation:



On May 22nd-27th, select campgrounds and dealerships across Canada will help raise funds for Make-A-Wish Canada and offer special discounts in support of Canadian RVing & Camping Week. If you are a dealership or campground and would like to participate, please click on the link to register your company or business <https://gorving.ca/canada-rv-camping-week/>.

RVDA of Alberta Annual General Meeting:

RVDA of Alberta Annual General Meeting will be in Las Vegas, NV on November 5th. A day of golf will be at the [Royal Links Golf Club](#) on November 4th for all that would like to participate. All members will receive 2 nights FREE accommodations for attending the RVDA of Alberta AGM. Registration will open in June so SAVE THE DATES!

RVDA RV Dealers Convention/EXPO:

[RVDA RV Dealers Convention/EXPO](#) will be at the Paris Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV on November 5th -9th. More information, registration and the schedule of events can be found on the website.

Education & Training:

CAREERS: The Next Generation Skilled Trades Event:

RVDA of Alberta with the assistance of Conrad Tchir from [Go RV Leduc](#), attended the [CAREERS: The Next Generation Skilled Trades Event](#) at [Jasper Place High School](#) on the evening of February 21st. This event was an opportunity to connect with students interested in participating in the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP), their parents and supporters while showcasing the RV Service Technician trade.

24th Skills Canada National Competition:

[RVDA of Canada](#), [RVDA of Alberta](#) and [SAIT](#) will be attending the [24th Skills Canada National Competition](#) as a try-a-trade exhibitor on June 4th & 5th at the [Edmonton EXPO Centre](#). Skills Canada National Competition is the only national, multi-trade and technology competition for students and apprentices. More than 500 people from all regions of Canada come to participate in over 40 skilled trade and technology competitions. This provides hands-on work experience related to trade and technology careers. This event is open to the public on competition days only with 550 competitors and 50 try-a-trade and technology activities.

SAIT Apprenticeship Training Schedule:



For the [SAIT](#) 2017-2018 Recreation Vehicle Service Technician Apprentice Training Schedule please click on the links: [Apprenticeship and Industry Training Schedule](#) or [www.sait.ca](#).

For employer and apprenticeship financial assistance programs [Click Here](#).

SAIT Air Brake Courses:



[SAIT](#) has started registration for the upcoming Air Brake Courses. Click here for the [Information Form](#) and contact SAIT directly at (403) 284-8471 or transportation.info@sait.ca.

NTP Stag Canada Bursary:

Click on the photo to apply now!



Have you completed term 1 and passed with flying colors? Have you enrolled and completed one of the RV Technician certification preparation courses offered through RV Learning Center? Have you or will you be completing your RV 1 course offered by TSSA by May 31, 2018?

[RVDA of Canada](#) will award 11 bursaries valued at \$1000 each and 1 bursary at \$1500 to eligible RV technicians in all Canadian Provinces and Territories, who have enrolled in RV apprenticeship or related education programs.

The **eligible training period** for consideration of the 2017-2018 bursary is from **August 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018**. Bursaries will be awarded to students with serious interest and desire to succeed in the RV industry as demonstrated by successful program completion with higher than average grades.

Association Information:

Stolen RV Report:

If you were a victim of a stolen RV, [RVDA of Canada](#) and [RVDA of Alberta](#) are required to get this information out to the members as soon as possible in case the perpetrator(s) are trying to sell/trade the unit or have it serviced. A copy of the 2018 Stolen RV's List will be sent to our members (as they are reported) to use in their offices at their discretion monthly. If you have become a victim of theft and require a copy of the Stolen RV Report Form, please contact [Carrie Nelson](#) or (780) 455-8562/1-888-858-8787 as soon as possible. All members must fill out the form, so we have the correct information to notify the members and RVDA of Canada.

RVDA of Alberta Campground Grant Application & Criteria:

The RVDA of Alberta will award up to \$20,000 annually to one or multiple campgrounds whose membership is in good standing with the Association. Campgrounds are encouraged to apply for funding for any improvements planned or recently completed that will enhance the overall appearance or operation of their business. Attached is the [Campground Grant Application & Criteria](#) and the deadline is **May 11, 2018**.

Federated Insurance Article:



KNOWING YOUR
BUSINESS MATTERS

9 business security tips for closing time

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You or your employees can fall into a routine as you shut down your business at the end of every day. That's why it's so important to make sure you're taking all the precautions you can to help prevent fires and crime when you're not around.

Theft may seem like only a distant possibility, but organized retail crime costs Canadians over \$4.6 billion a year, according to statistics from Calgary police.

It's especially important to take precautions when leaving your business for a long weekend or a vacation, when no one will be checking up on it for some time. That's why it's key to have a list of steps to take before leaving for the night, to help ensure that your business is in the same condition in the morning as when you left it. The list should also be shared with your employees, so they know exactly what to do when you're not there.

Here are some tips on how to help keep your business safe when you lock up for the night.

Turn on storefront and sales area overnight lights

If lights inside your business are turned on, it may discourage thieves from entering. It may also help ensure that if anyone does enter your store, they will be clearly visible from the street. To make it even easier to see anyone inside your business (and the disorder they may be causing) you can clear the front windows of any posters or merchandise so there's an unobstructed view.

Keep exterior lights turned on

A well-lit exterior also discourages any unwanted guests from approaching your business. It's important to make sure you haven't just illuminated the front of your business, but also the side and back entrances too. If there are any burnt-out bulbs, those should be replaced as quickly as possible.

Make sure all customers have left the premises

It might seem like a no-brainer, but it's very important to check that no customers are still inside the building before you close up. You or your employees should check back rooms, stockrooms, and change rooms to ensure no one is left with access to your property after the doors have been locked.

Turn off equipment

Before leaving, make sure that you or an employee have done a walkthrough of the business and checked off all items that need to be powered off overnight. This list will include different items depending on your business, but could encompass portable heaters, decorative lights, cooking appliances, and other heating equipment. Ensuring that all of these devices are switched off could help prevent any fires from igniting.

Store flammables and combustibles in secure locations

In a further attempt to stop any fires from catching, make sure that any flammables or combustibles have been moved away from heating appliances in property storage containers. These containers should also be labelled clearly.

Lock away cash register and other valuables

Follow a detailed procedure when handling cash at the end of the night. Some tips for how to handle your cash register and other valuables include taking a different route each time when making nightly deposits, leaving an empty and unlocked cash register, and not leaving cash or valuables in rooms that are accessible by windows or external doors.

Secure all equipment and stock

Before leaving for the night, it's a good idea to move any excess stock to a locked or secure spot in the store. You could also move stock away from windows and doors to make it more difficult for thieves to attempt a smash and grab. Steps like these may seem small and insignificant, but they could mean the difference between someone robbing your business and being dissuaded from doing so.

Secure and lock all doors and windows

On top of securing your equipment and stock, it's important to make sure that all of your doors and windows are locked, so no burglars can easily enter the premises. Include this item on your list for employees and be sure to also lock back entrances.

Turn on your security system

And last but not least, you need to ensure your security system is turned on before leaving the premises. Your security system could take a number of forms, as options range from silent alarms to video surveillance. Surveillance systems are useful, as they can discourage thieves from entering your business and also alert security teams when a robbery is in progress.

If you follow these tips, you can rest easy at night knowing you've taken the right steps to help prevent fires and theft at your business. But sometimes all the preparation in the world isn't enough to stop bad things from happening. That's where insurance comes in.

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MISSION STATEMENT

RVDA of Alberta is a group of independent businesses that promotes the growth, quality and awareness of the RV Industry and RV Lifestyle. We provide leadership, education, training and support to our members and Industry partners to help them exceed consumer expectations.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to enhance current services, opportunities, quality, awareness and influence future growth within the RV Industry and Lifestyle.