

## How you can help

- Clean up after your group activities such as picnics and sports tournaments in City parks
- Remember to respect property, materials and equipment when using services or participating in programs at our community centres, arenas, parks, theatre or museum
- Report such items as graffiti, broken glass or burnt out lights in any City facility or park
- Report vandalism such as a park bench in need of repair or playground equipment that has been tampered with
- Report suspicious behaviour such as a person peering into parked cars
- Report activities such as verbal assaults, threats/aggression, physical harm, alcohol consumption, theft and harassment.

## For more information

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# Rzone – Respect and Responsibility

## What is the Rzone?

The Rzone is an operating procedure that identifies a code of conduct which applies to all Township of Centre Wellington recreation and cultural centres, facilities, parks and programs. The Rzone procedure enforces a set of expectations around violence, vandalism and inappropriate behaviour for participants and the general public.

## What does the Rzone mean?

The “R” in the Rzone logo stands for **Respect and Responsibility**. *Respect for Yourself; Respect for Others; and Responsibility for your Actions*. The logo will serve as a reminder to staff and the public that the operating procedure is in effect and applies to everyone: coaches, parents, players, performers, audiences and visitors.

## Goal

The goal of the Rzone operating procedure is to improve the safety and leisure environment in all Township of Centre Wellington recreation and cultural centres, facilities, parks and programs. Community organizations, residents, visitors and Township staff will work together to promote respect and responsibility, improving the safety, appearance and environment of our community.



### Q Does the Rzone only apply to sports organizations?

**A** No. The Rzone operating procedure applies to all community organizations and individuals using TCW recreation and cultural centres, facilities, parks and those participating in programs.

### Q What type of incidents should or can be reported?

**A** All forms of violence, vandalism or inappropriate behaviour are unacceptable on properties, in facilities or programs. Incidents involving the following should be reported. For a complete description, please refer to the procedural document on the Township’s website at [www.centrewellington.ca](http://www.centrewellington.ca)

- Verbal assault
- Physical assault/harm
- Use of alcohol/drugs
- Harassment
- Threats/aggression
- Vandalism
- Theft

### Q If a situation occurs, how quickly should it be reported?

**A** For best and timely resolutions, incidents should be reported within 24 hours.

### Q How and to whom should an incident be reported?

**A** If you are involved in or witness a situation at a Township “indoor” facility, you can report it to a staff member. He/ she, with your assistance, will complete the report. If the situation occurs at an “outdoor” facility where staff is not available and involves a community organization, that organization should be informed directly and an incident report should be completed on-line at [www.centrewellington.ca](http://www.centrewellington.ca)

### Q If I report an incident, will it be kept confidential?

**A** Yes, in accordance with the Township’s privacy information policy.



### Q What happens once a report has been made?

**A** Whether reported in person, through an organization or on-line, the report will be logged by Township staff and will either be dealt with directly by the Township or forwarded on to the appropriate group/organization for follow up.

### Q Will the Township follow up on every incident?

**A** The intent of the Rzone procedure is that each organization takes responsibility for situations created by; or that affect their participants in cooperation with the Township. In some cases, it will be the community group or organization.

### Q What are some of the consequences that may occur?

**A** Each report will be reviewed on an individual basis. The nature and degree of discipline will be determined by the severity of the situation.

## Questions?

If you have additional questions, you can review the Rzone operating procedure document on-line at [www.centrewellington.ca](http://www.centrewellington.ca) or call **519-843-2800**