

## NEURODIVERSE/AUTISM COMMUNITIES

# DECAL PROJECT

The **British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police (BCACP)** and the **BC Law Enforcement Diversity Network (BCLEDN)** have launched a significant initiative to promote safer interactions and build trust between police and those who are neurodiverse/autistic.

### WHAT IS THE DECAL PROJECT?

The decal project aims to improve interactions between police officers and neurodiverse/autistic individuals by using decals to signal the presence of such individuals.

### HOW DOES THE DECAL WORK?

When displayed on houses or vehicles, decals prompt police to adapt their approach, expectations, and communication styles to accommodate the unique needs and sensitivities of neurodiverse/autistic individuals. The decal promotes safety and reassurance that individuals are likely to receive appropriate and empathetic responses from first responders.

### WHERE SHOULD I PLACE THE DECAL?

**For vehicles**, place the decal on the rear bumper to the left of the license plate. Police are trained to approach vehicles from behind and check license plates, making this location highly visible. **For residences**, place the decal near the doorbell.

### WHO SHOULD USE THESE DECALS?

A person with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Families of individuals with autism are encouraged to use the decals to signal the presence of their loved ones.



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## CHAMPIONING EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN PUBLIC SAFETY

The **British Columbia Law Enforcement Diversity Network (BCLEDN)** is comprised of over 18 public safety agencies committed to authentic community engagement and the principles of equity, inclusion and belonging. The network shares programming models and learning resources, and promotes situational awareness of issues impacting communities across B.C. The network also hosts an annual forum that is open to all public safety agencies.



Learn more at:

[www.bcacp.ca/bc-law-enforcement-diversity-network/](http://www.bcacp.ca/bc-law-enforcement-diversity-network/)

## BC ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

The **British Columbia Association of Chiefs of Police (BCACP)** represents approximately 9,290 police officers in the province and was established to promote a high standard of ethics, integrity, honour, conduct; foster uniformity of police practices; encourage the development and implementation of efficient and effective practices in the prevention and detection of crime and effectively communicate problems and concerns to appropriate levels of authority.

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