



**SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
POLICE SERVICE**

WITNESS / VICTIM PROTECTION

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POLICY

1. The South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (SCBCTAPS) will seek to ensure the protection of witnesses and victims from intimidation and retaliation.
2. Witnesses and/or victims may require protection because of a risk to their security as a result of their participation in the investigation, inquiry or prosecution.

REASON FOR POLICY

3. To provide for the protection and well being of witnesses and victims from intimidation and retaliation.
4. To maintain the public's respect for, and co-operation with, the criminal justice system.

PROCEDURES

5. Any person whose safety is jeopardized as a result of their relationship with the witness/victim referred to in this policy may also require protection for the same reasons set out in this policy.
6. No Member of the SCBCTAPS will offer, suggest or present a proposal of protection to any witness/victim who has agreed to give information or evidence relating to an investigation, inquiry or prosecution.
7. The witness/victim or the relation to the witness/victim must request on his/her accord protection and/or relocation from the police and provide a legitimate concern for their safety.
8. All requests for protection will be referred to the Jurisdictional Police Department (JPD).