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Penticton Safety Village Opens a New Chapter with Grand Reopening and Expanded Community Access

Penticton, BC June 25, 2026 – The Penticton Safety Village is entering an exciting new chapter, celebrating the completion of its largest renewal since opening in 1984 while introducing expanded opportunities for children and families to enjoy one of Penticton’s most treasured community spaces. Thanks to the City of Penticton’s Connected Communities Grant, the Safety Village has undergone a significant transformation, modernizing the site and infrastructure to deliver hands-on safety education for generations to come.

The community is invited to celebrate the official Grand Reopening on Sunday, June 28th, 2026, with a free family event featuring a ribbon cutting, community partners, family activities, and an opportunity to experience the renewed Village. While the Grand Reopening marks an important milestone, it also signals a lasting change for the community.


Beginning July 1, the outdoor grounds of the Penticton Safety Village will be open for public daytime use whenever the facility is not being used for the Society programs, school visits, summer camps, private bookings, or special events. Families will have regular opportunities to walk the miniature streets, practise bicycle and pedestrian safety, and enjoy the Safety Village together outside of organized programming.

To ensure educational programs and rentals continue uninterrupted, public access will be limited to the outdoor grounds only. Village buildings will remain closed except during scheduled activities, and access to the site will vary depending on programming. Current access information will be posted on the Safety Village website.

“This has always been a place where children learn through play,” said Katie Weitz, Executive Director. “By opening the Safety Village grounds when we’re not running programs, we’re creating more opportunities for families to build confidence, practise safety skills, and enjoy this incredible community space together.” The renewed Safety Village also reflects an expanded vision for safety education. Working alongside schools, emergency services, businesses, and community partners, the Society now offers programming that extends beyond traffic & fire safety to include first aid, electrical safety, and sun & water safety.

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“The Safety Village reopening marks an exciting new chapter for a space that has helped shape generations of young residents in Penticton,” said Mayor Julius Bloomfield. “This is a place where learning and play come together, and this investment ensures it will continue to inspire confidence, curiosity, and connection for years to come. Expanding public access makes this cherished asset even more accessible to families across our community”

Looking ahead, the Penticton Safety Village will continue expanding school programs, summer camps, family events, and regional partnerships while working toward the development of a year-round classroom space to serve children in every season.

Grand Reopening information is available at www.pentictonssafetyvillage.ca

Sunday, June 28th, 2026

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Penticton Safety Village

490 Edmonton Avenue

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Admission is free, and everyone is welcome.

About the Penticton Safety Village

For more than 40 years, the Penticton Safety Village has provided hands-on, interactive safety education that empowers children with the knowledge and confidence to make safe choices at home, at school, and throughout their community.

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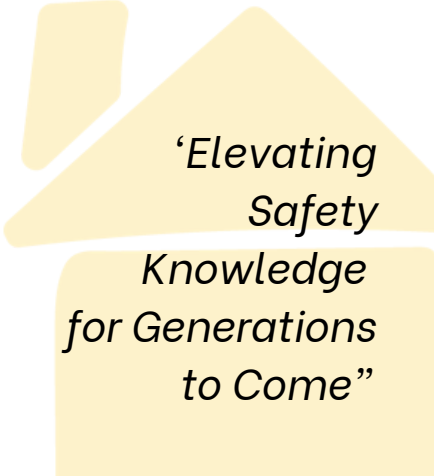
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