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The Vancouver Police Department (VPD) is committed to providing an environment that allows for safe and lawful democratic protest; however, the VPD is also committed to ensuring people are not denied the lawful use, or the enjoyment of property. The VPD will take appropriate actions in relation to persons interfering with the lawful use and/or enjoyment of property.

Section 430 of the Criminal Code of Canada states the following: Everyone commits mischief who wilfully:

- a) Destroys or damages property;
- b) Renders property dangerous, useless, inoperative or ineffective;
- c) Obstructs, interrupts or interferes with lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property; or
- d) Obstructs, interrupts or interferes with any person in the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property.

Obstruction or interference with the use of property includes but is not limited to the following behaviours: shouting, screaming, or swearing at anyone that disrupts public peace or physically blocking any person from freely entering, leaving or staying at any public place.

Any future conduct that contravenes this section or any other of the Criminal Code of Canada may result in criminal charges.

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