



## BC Crime Prevention Association

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Q: Hi I was just wondering what I can do to keep homeless or otherwise out of my recycling bins? Can the people be arrested or charge with trespassing on private property? The apartment building I manage is under construction and the bins are by are entrance to the building. These people are threatening and angry when i tell them to get lost,also the scare people in the building who have children and also seniors.

A: We are not clear as to the status of your building as you say it is under construction but you also mention children & seniors living there.

Ideally the recycling bins should be located in a fenced off area accessible only by residents. If this is not practical - we don't know the geographic layout of your building - you may want to consider asking your local police department to arrange for a CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) expert to visit your building and provide tips on how to reduce crime and nuisance problems surrounding access to the bins.

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