



23 RCACS

CADET MOBILE PHONE POLICY

POLICY BRIEF AND PURPOSE

Our cadet mobile phone policy outlines our guidelines for using mobile phones while at a training exercise. We recognize that mobile phones have become an integral part of everyday life.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all cadets at 23 Optimist Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS). The term “training exercise” means all cadet-authorized activities, including but not limited to regular Monday night training at the Lake Street Armoury, Optional Team practices at their off-site locations, complimentary training such as field training weekends or excursions, and citizenship trips.

This is a blanket policy that will cover all cadet-related activities from September 1, 2025, until June 30, 2026. If your cadet does not have a mobile phone, then this form is not required. If your cadet obtains a mobile phone during the training year, then this form must be signed and handed in before they can bring the mobile phone to any cadet training exercise.

POLICY ELEMENTS

Cadets are expected:

- To turn off or put to silent when at a training exercise.
- To leave the mobile phone in their backpack or pocket.
- To respect others’ privacy and not record or take pictures without proper permission.
- Adhere to the Cadet Code of Conduct.
- Keep track of their mobile phone and chargers.

Cadets shall NOT:

- Use their phone during periods of instruction unless directed to by the instructor.
- Use their phones in areas where mobile use is explicitly prohibited (e.g., washrooms, changerooms, sleeping areas)

- Bully or harass anyone via the use of their mobile phone or any social media applications that may be on the phone. Harassment and abuse in any form constitute unacceptable conduct that will not be tolerated or condoned in accordance with CRCO 1513 Harassment and Abuse

HOW TO PROPERLY USE MOBILE PHONES AT A TRAINING EXERCISE

There are instances where cadets can benefit from using mobile phones. They're allowed to use their phones:

- To arrange transportation at the end of the night or training exercise
- To take approved, appropriate pictures of the exercise
- To check Cadet365 for resources when directed to by an instructor.
- To use the calculator or calendar functions when directed to by an instructor.

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES

23 RCACS retains the right to monitor cadets for excessive or inappropriate use of their mobile phones during training exercises. If a cadet's phone usage causes a decline in performance or interferes with operations, we will ban that cadet from using their mobile phones.

If an instructor sees a mobile device that is not stored out of view, they will be asked to put it on the instructor's desk for the duration of the period. If the cadet does not place the phone on the instructor's desk when required, they will be sent to the CO's office.

Cadets may face severe disciplinary action in accordance with CJCR Gp O 5019-3, Conduct and Performance Interventions - Cadets, in cases when they:

- Use their mobile phones in areas where mobile use is explicitly prohibited (e.g., washrooms, change rooms, sleeping areas)
- Have bullied or harassed someone via their device.

23 RCACS does not accept responsibility for damage or loss of a cadet's personal mobile phone; however, if lost, 23 RCACS will make every effort to search for lost items. 23 RCACS does not accept responsibility for the cadet's data usage or any resulting fees that may incur.

ATTESTATION

I agree to the above terms and conditions with regards to my mobile phone use at all cadet training exercises.

Cadet Surname, Given Name, and Signature

Parent Surname, Given Name, and Signature

Mobile Phone Make and Model