



This book is part of the Sapujjijit Reading Series, developed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in Nunavut. The Sapujjijit Reading Series is a unique, Nunavut-developed literacy initiative that infuses the current and historical role of RCMP officers into a culturally appropriate reading program.

The Sapujjijit Reading Series was developed to support the reading level guidelines outlined in Uqalimaariuqsaniq, the Department of Education's reading program. Uqalimaariuqsaniq is a sequential and progressive Inuktitut reading program that supports students in their development as readers.

The Sapujjijit Reading Series informs readers about the role of police officers in their community. It also provides opportunities for readers to consider their own interest in policing as a future career.

Please see the end of this book for more information about the Sapujjijit Reading Series.

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## **Book details**

<b>Level:</b>	7
<b>Text Type:</b>	Fiction
<b>Subjects/themes:</b>	Jobs in communities, safety, police

# My Safe Community



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I help keep our community safe.  
I am an RCMP officer.





I help keep our community safe.  
I make sure places in the  
community are safe for everyone.

I help keep our community safe.  
I make sure people drive safely.





POLICE

I help keep our community safe.  
I visit schools to teach about  
safety.

I help keep our community safe.  
I help people in emergencies.





I help keep our community safe.  
I help out at special events.

I help keep our community safe.  
I learn from Elders and hunters.





You can help keep our  
community safe, too!





## Sapujjijit Reading Series

The Sapujjijit Reading Series was developed by Inuit RCMP officers in consultation with family members of the Inuit special constables who worked throughout the North in the early to mid-20th century.

*“As a young Inuk growing up, I was fortunate enough to have been provided guidance and role models that I learned from. This included Inuit police officers who were respected as hunters and leaders. I saw their capabilities first hand as they helped people despite the challenges they faced. This inspired me to work hard and strive to live like they had.”*

—Corporal David Aglukark

The Sapujjijit Reading Series focuses on the following Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principles:

- **Inuuqatigiitsiarniq:** Respecting others, relationships and caring for people
- **Pijitsirniq:** Serving and providing for family and/or community
- **Piliriqatigiinni/ikajuqatigiinni:** Working together for a common cause

It is the belief of the RCMP that these principles will equip readers with the foundation to be successful in any career they pursue, including serving as a police officer in their community.

The RCMP acknowledges the harm caused by the enactment of residential schools and forced relocations, as well as the dog slaughter. The RCMP recognizes the impact of these actions on the Inuit culture, language, and way of life. These books represent the RCMP’s investment in building trust and healthy relationships with Inuit.



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