

Courtrooms are getting more dangerous

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The union representing BC's sheriffs says courtrooms are getting more dangerous. It's calling for more metal detectors outside courtrooms.

Dean Purdy with the BCGEU says they've brought in metal detectors in Alberta and he doesn't see why BC should be any different.

"More and more high profile gang trials go on without search gates being setup. People are allowed to walk in the courtrooms freely to come and go. One of these days it's going to cost them."

He says the only courthouse that has a full-time search gate is the one on Main Street in Vancouver. Purdy pitched the idea to Attorney General Barry Penner this past week.

He's also asking for more sheriffs to help ease the crunch on the Lower Mainland's overcrowded courts.