## Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy Association

## Guidelines for a letter of apology/reflection

## Date

Dear NAME (person or business name) (If you're not sure of the name, check with the mediator handling your case)

- 1. Write a clear statement of what you have done and take responsibility for your actions.
- 2. What was going on for you at the time this happened? What were you doing, what were you thinking?
- 3. Include your understanding of why your actions were wrong or harmful.
- 4. Include your understanding of the harm you have done to the victim.
- 5. Have you learned from this experience? If so, what have you learned?
- 6. How can you explain why you won't do this again?
- 7. What are your plans for the future?
- 8. Signature.

Letter of apology must be submitted to Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy for review and discussion of possible changes before it will be forwarded to the victim.