

'Friend in need' scam

✓ STOP. THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request via WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity (using their usual mobile number or landline)

✗ Never share your account's activation code (that's the 6 digit code you receive via SMS).



Keeping children safe while gaming online



NSPCC

If you're not a gamer, all the devices, the features, the interconnectivity with other games and apps can quickly become overwhelming. The NSPCC have useful tips to help keep children safe while gaming online.

- All major games consoles have settings that prevent children from finding inappropriate games.
- Consider any communication channels and if there are settings to turn off or limit chat functions. Communication in a game can increase the risk of bullying, being contacted by people they don't know and potentially groomed or exploited.
- Many games have private messaging and private chat options. Look out for words like 'whisper' or 'private' next to messages if your child is playing in multiplayer games (especially if they are playing with people they don't know).

Find out more at: [How to Ensure Your Children Stay Safe While Playing Online Games | NSPCC](#)

Neighbour disputes

Although we would all like to get along well with our neighbours, sometimes we may experience issues about noise nuisance, hedges and parking.



If the dispute involves a statutory nuisance (something like loud music or barking dogs), you can make a complaint to your local council (<https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/taking-action/asb/contact-your-local-council>)

Contact the police if your neighbour is breaking the law by being violent or harassing you.

For further information and support: <http://www.problemneighbours.co.uk/>

Caravan security – 5 top tips

Caravans may be more vulnerable than houses but that doesn't mean you can't make your property secure. Caravan owners can take a few practical crime prevention steps to reduce their chances of being a victim of crime.



1. Write your vehicle identification number (VIN) in several hidden places within the caravan. This makes the caravan easy to identify if it's stolen.
2. Lock the caravan coupling head into a cover using a good quality hitch lock. Fit lockable wheel nuts.
3. Immobilise your caravan using an approved lock. Put the immobiliser on when the caravan is parked, and when you stop for short periods.
4. Fix lock nuts or wheel clamps to the wheels. Padlock gas cylinders to fixing clamps.
5. Never leave vehicle registration documents inside the caravan. They can help a thief to sell the caravan.

For further security advice visit: [Motorhome, Campervan & Caravan Security Advice \(securedbydesign.com\)](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

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Get Safe Online and Cifas have launched 'Check a Website Page'. This is an innovative new feature that invites you to check if a website is safe to use.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite/>

National Business Crime Centre's new website



The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) has launched a new website (<https://nbcc.police.uk/>) and a series of Crime Prevention Guides and videos to help police and businesses learn, share and support each other to prevent and combat crime.

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