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HOME SAFETY

CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

Report online www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report

Call **101** or in an emergency dial **999**

  HantsPolice www.hampshire.police.uk

Sign up for advice and crime alerts at www.hampshirealert.co.uk

www.iowalert.co.uk

HOME SAFETY - CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

HOME SECURITY



SECURE ALL EXTERNAL DOORS

Ensure all your doors are locked and secure, including patio doors. If replacing external doors, windows and locks contact the Master Locksmith Association for advice.



LOCK YOUR WINDOWS

All windows should be fitted with a lock unless it is a fire exit. Consider additional security for any windows that could be easily reached by someone climbing from below.



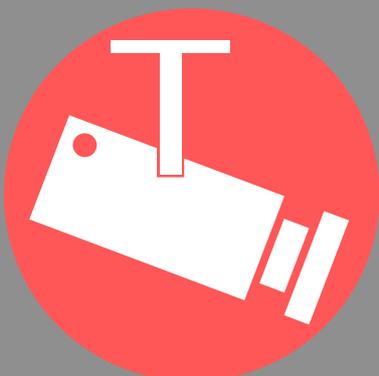
INSTALL A BURGLAR ALARM

Alarms act as a deterrent, and alert people if someone breaks in. Some alarms notify you or a security company/police. Seek advice from security specialists that are members of ssaib.org.



USE LIGHTING AS A DETERRENT

Lighting above entrances and exits makes it safer for you after dark. A plug-in timer switch on a lamp or light will make your home appear occupied and will act as a deterrent to thieves.



CONSIDER USING CCTV

CCTV (incl. video doorbells) accompanied by signage can be used as a deterrent or to gather evidence. There are codes of practice for CCTV (ico.org.uk) that you should follow.

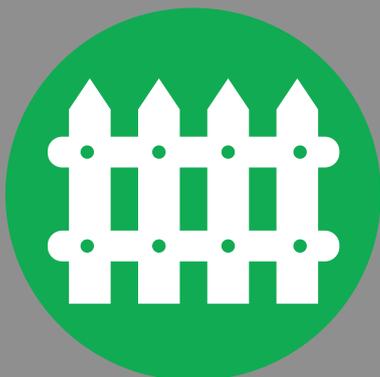


HIDE VALUABLES AND MARK THEM

Mark and photograph valuable items and register them for free on the National Property Registration Database Immobilise. This can help recover items if they are stolen.

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GARDEN SECURITY AND OUTBUILDINGS



SUITABLE BOUNDARY FENCES

Fences at the rear of your property should be at least 1.8m tall, but anything at the front of your house should be no more than 1m to allow for natural surveillance.



REMOVE HIDING SPOTS

Make sure neighbours can see your property by cutting back hedges, trees and bushes. In making your house more visible, criminals can also be seen so are more likely to get caught.



PROTECT YOUR SHED

Consider security items such as non-returnable screws and closed shackle padlocks. Fit locks or bars to windows and cover them to hide contents in the shed.



GARAGE SECURITY

Provide multiple locking points with padlocks or use floor-mounted locking T-bars. Install a garage alarm and use ground anchors inside to secure items. Signage can act as a deterrent.



REMOVE OPPORTUNITIES

Make sure you store away and secure ladders and tools so criminals cannot use them to access your home. If locked away securely, they will also be protected from theft.



LOCK YOUR GATES

Ensure all rear and side gates are locked to prevent access to the property. Check that locks and hinges are robust and are the Secured by Design police preferred specification.

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VEHICLE CRIME



REMOVE VALUABLES

Leaving valuables on show is an invitation to the opportunist criminal. Items such as mobile phones, chargers and money should be removed from your vehicle.



LOCK DOORS AND CLOSE WINDOWS

Always lock your car when left unattended e.g. on the drive, at the petrol station, de-icing your windows or when buying a parking ticket. Unlocked cars are the easiest to steal or steal from.



HIDE KEYS AND FOBS

Cars are commonly stolen by taking the keys or ignition fob. Never leave them in the vehicle. Store them away from windows or doors, or where they can be accessed through letterboxes.



PARK UNDER STREET LIGHTS

Consider parking your car under a street light if leaving it on the road at night. Criminals do not want to be seen and this may protect your car from theft or criminal damage to your vehicle.



SECURE YOUR NUMBER PLATES

Use theft-resistant number plate fittings. Stolen number plates are commonly used to hide the identity of other vehicles. Use one-way clutch head screws to secure number plates.



INSTALL PHYSICAL SECURITY

Steering wheel locks or a lock that fits over the gear lever act as a good deterrent. Tracker systems via GPS and other methods can also help to recover your car if it is stolen.

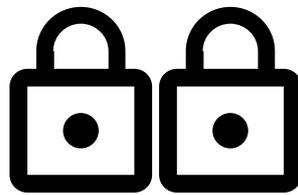
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BIKE THEFT



REGISTER AND SECURITY MARK IT

Register your bike on a secure, national database such as BikeRegister. This may help reunite you with your bike if it is stolen. Security marking it may deter potential thieves.



DOUBLE LOCK IT, SECURE THE LOT

Look for the Sold Secure or Secured by Design logo on locks. Lock the frame and both wheels to a cycle parking stand. Double locking is the best protection for your bike.



REMOVE THE REMOVABLE BITS

Take removable parts such as the saddle, wheels or lights with you. Or, secure components to the frame permanently, making it difficult for thieves to steal detachable parts.



PARK SECURE

Always lock your bike where it is visible to passers-by. Avoid dark or isolated spaces. Do not lock your bike to open-ended poles such as signposts - thieves can lift the bike over the top.



KEEP VALUABLES SECURE

Don't put valuables in open baskets. Pay attention to your surroundings, especially when stopped. Thieves target unsuspecting cyclists for their valuables and bikes.



SAFETY BEGINS AT HOME

Lock your bike as securely at home as you would in public. Improve the security of storage by using a shed shackle and padlock or ground anchors, with a Sold Secure approved lock.

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CYBER SECURITY



EMAIL SECURITY

Phishing (tricking people into reacting to requests through fraudulent emails) is a common threat. If you're suspicious don't click on links/open attachments. Send to report@phishing.gov.uk



PASSWORD PROTECTION

Use three random words with upper and lowercase characters, symbols and numbers. Have a different password for each account. Use two-factor authentication to add security.



SOCIAL MEDIA

By enhancing your privacy settings on your social media accounts you will reduce your risk of cyber thieves using your identity to create fraudulent accounts.



PUBLIC WI-FI CONNECTIONS

Don't do anything on public Wi-Fi you wouldn't want strangers to see. Avoid logging on to systems which need a username or password. Don't use Wi-Fi if you're not sure it's secure.



SAFE ONLINE MEETINGS

Use a lobby or waiting room so attendees must wait until the organiser admits them, stopping uninvited or unknown guests. A passcode will lock the meeting so only invited users can join.



INSTALL ANTI- VIRUS SOFTWARE

Install and activate anti-virus software on all your devices, and set it to update automatically. This will help run a complete scan of your system and check for any malware infections.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR ADVICE



Sold Secure (www.soldsecure.com) is the premier testing and certification house for security products. You can find the full range of products tested and approved by Sold Secure to provide you with the best in security, for a variety of applications. Look for their logo on security products.

CrimeStoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org or **0800 555 111**) are an independent charity that allows anyone to speak up to stop crime, 100% anonymously. Whoever you are, wherever you live, from communities to companies, you can report by phone and online, 24/7, 365 days a year.

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

Secured by Design



Police Preferred Specification

Secured by Design (www.securedbydesign.com) is the official police security initiative that works to improve security to provide safe places to live, work, shop and visit. SBD's product based accreditation scheme, (the Police Preferred Specification) provides a recognised standard for all security products that can deter and reduce crime.

BikeRegister (www.bikeregister.com) is the UK's national, Police approved, bicycle marking & registration scheme. Registering on the database means you could be reunited with your bike if it was stolen and security marking kits reduce the chances of you becoming a victim of cycle theft.



WHERE TO LOOK FOR ADVICE

IMMOBILISE [®] THE UK NATIONAL PROPERTY REGISTER

Immobilise (www.immobilise.com) is the world's largest FREE register of possession ownership details and together with its sister sites the Police's NMPR and CheckMEND, forms a very effective tool in helping to reduce crime and return recovered personal property to its rightful owners.

Neighbourhood Watch (www.ourwatch.org.uk) is the largest crime prevention voluntary movement in England and Wales. They offer advice and information on a wide range of crime types and their toolkits provide a wealth of valuable information to homeowners and scheme leaders.



Master Locksmiths Association (www.locksmiths.co.uk) the UK's largest trade association for locksmiths, sets and promotes standards of conduct, practice and materials within locksmithing. Many police forces will encourage those in need of a locksmith to use MLA members.

The Blue Lamp Trust (www.bluelamptrust.org.uk) operates the bobby scheme throughout Hampshire, providing a full crime prevention and fire safety survey by a trained, police-vetted fitter. They provide crime and fire prevention advice to improve home safety. When appropriate the fitters will install items such as locks, spy-holes, door chains and smoke alarms, etc. This service is completely free.





WHERE TO LOOK FOR ADVICE



Get Safe Online (www.getsafeonline.org) is the UK's leading source of unbiased, factual and easy-to-understand information on online safety. It provides practical advice on how to protect yourself against fraud, identity theft, viruses and many other problems encountered online.

The Victim Care Service - 0808 178 1641
(www.hampshireiowvictimcare.co.uk)



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SERVICE

is funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The free and confidential service is delivered by Victim Support, the independent charity for people affected by crime and traumatic events. They provide individual, independent, emotional and practical help to enable people to cope and recover from the effects of crime.



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