

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH™

# STAY SAFE



**YOUR GUIDE TO CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY**

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# ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

This booklet was designed by the **Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network (England & Wales)** (NHWN).

NHWN is a national charity and umbrella body which represents all Neighbourhood Watch and Home Watch members across England and Wales. It is the organisation that engages with the government, partners and like-minded organisations at a strategic level. Our website is [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

The overall aim of the Neighbourhood & Home Watch movement is to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen.

**For more information about Neighbourhood & Home Watch, including how you can join or set up a scheme in your area, see page 34 or visit [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)**

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## HOME SECURITY

### Remember:

### Most burglaries are opportunistic.

- Always close and lock doors and windows when you go out, even if just for a short time.
- Keep keys, including shed and car keys, in a place where they're not visible to anyone looking in. Never hide a spare key outside.
- A letterbox cage helps to prevent lock release or key theft via the letterbox.
- Keep valuables hidden and not visible from windows.
- Never keep large amounts of cash in the house.
- Keep jewellery, house deeds and other important items in the bank.
- Window locks and visible alarms act as a deterrent to burglars.
- Draw curtains in the evening.
- Never leave packaging from new valuables visible with your general rubbish.
- Never give your keys to anyone you do not know well. Change locks in a new property so that only you have the keys.
- Mark valuable items with a property marking service – contact your local police on 101 for information.



## Register your valuable items on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

If you are having locks repaired or replaced, you can check for an approved locksmith near you via the **Master Locksmiths Association**: [www.locksmiths.co.uk](http://www.locksmiths.co.uk) / 01327 262 255. Their website also has useful security advice including a visual guide to home security.

Look at  
[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)  
for more security tips  
and recommended products.

If you have uPVC doors you should consider upgrading from the standard Euro cylinder lock to an **ABS Snap Secure** lock, which provides protection against lock snapping. You can find out more at [www.homesecurityandsafety.co.uk](http://www.homesecurityandsafety.co.uk) / 01484 725 601



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## WHEN YOU GO AWAY

- Ask a neighbour to push post through your letterbox and take in any deliveries for you. Cancel milk, newspapers and other deliveries if you can.
- If you have a close friend or relative nearby with a key, ask them to draw your curtains in the evening and back in the morning. Don't leave the curtains drawn during the day.
- Put lights on a timer switch to make your house look occupied. You can also get timer switches for the radio.
- If you have a lawn, mow it before you go away.
- Don't display your home address on the outside of your luggage.

**Don't publish your absence on the internet. Status updates, comments and photos on social media can all give away the fact that you are out of your home for an extended period.**



# GARDEN SECURITY



**Garden security is very important as the garden is an access point into your home.**

- Keep your ladder and garden tools locked away, as they can be used by burglars to access your home. Keep tools inside if you do not have a garden shed.
- Remember to lock garage and shed windows and doors.
- Outside security lighting acts as a deterrent for burglars.
- Secure your garden with lockable gates and walls or substantial fencing. Thorny plants around the perimeter will make it harder for an intruder to access your garden.
- Make sure any valuable items stored in sheds are well-secured, with anchor bolts where possible.
- Use electronic shed alarms or padlock alarms to deter thieves.
- Gravel is noisy and can help to deter intruders.
- Secure bins with a padlock to prevent them from being used to access upstairs windows or flat roofs.



## **FIRE SAFETY**

**Get a **smoke alarm**. You are twice as likely to die in a fire without one. Ask your local Fire & Rescue Service for recommendations.**

- If you own your home, you could also think about installing a sprinkler system. They dramatically reduce the spread of fire.
- Never dry clothes on or near heaters. Don't put clothes or curtains too near heaters or dry clothes on fireguards.
- Keep candles – including tea lights – in secure heatproof holders and well away from curtains, fabrics or paper. Extinguish them at night and if you go out.
- Don't leave children unattended with access to lit candles, matches or lighters and avoid leaving them unattended in the kitchen when pans are on the hob.
- Take care when wearing loose clothing while cooking, and double check that ovens and hobs are turned off when you've finished cooking.
- Take special care when deep frying.
- Keep ovens, hobs and grills clean as a buildup of fat and grease can ignite a fire.
- Keep electrical leads clear of water.
- Never plug an extension lead/multisocket adaptor into another multisocket adaptor.
- If possible, keep wheelie bins away from buildings.





## Plan an **escape route** and make sure **everyone in the family** knows how to **escape**

Many fire and rescue services offer checks, often fitting smoke alarms in the process. To find your local Fire & Rescue Service visit [www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs](http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs)



Vibrating pad alarms are available for blind or visually impaired people. The RNIB can advise: [www.rnib.org.uk](http://www.rnib.org.uk) or 0303 123 9999



You can get alarms for the hearing impaired – contact your local council or Action on Hearing Loss for information: [www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk](http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk) or 0808 808 0123

Many fires start at night when people are asleep and can be overwhelmed by smoke. Turn off and unplug portable heaters and all electrical appliances not designed to stay on overnight. Check candles, cigarettes and pipes are out. Empty ashtrays (check contents are cold). Close landing and hall doors: a door can hold back a fire for 20 minutes. **Keep your important documents & small valuables in a fireproof box.**



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## If you **smoke**:

- Use a proper ashtray that is hard to knock over. Empty it often, but only when contents are cold.
- Double check that stubbed out cigarettes are extinguished.
- Don't leave burning cigarettes or pipes unattended or smoke when sleepy or in bed.

## If you have an **open fire**:

- Have your chimney swept on a regular basis.
- Avoid burning wet, unseasoned wood.
- If you have a stove or wood burner, choose the correct size appliance for your room and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- If you have an open fire, always use a fireguard when leaving the fire unattended.





## Thatched properties:

- TV aerials should be fitted to a freestanding pole, or if this is not possible to a gable or gable end chimney where the cable can be run down the wall.
- Disconnect the TV aerial during electrical storms.
- Consider fitting heat sensors and a sprinkler system.
- Fit a smoke detector in the loft and link it to the others.
- Avoid lighting bonfires near your property.
- Take care when doing work such as welding or any other work involving heat. If you are employing contractors to work on your home or garden make sure they are aware of the risks associated with a thatched property.
- Install an outside tap with enough hose to reach around the building. (Never tackle a fire yourself unless you are sure it is safe to do so. Always call 999 first.)




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## Barbecues, fireworks & bonfires:

- Never leave a barbecue or bonfire unattended.
- Don't drink too much if you are in charge of the bonfire, barbecue or fireworks.
- Keep a bucket of water, sand or a garden hose nearby in case of emergencies.
- Always supervise children around barbecues, bonfires and fireworks.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Make sure your barbecue or bonfire is well away from sheds, fences, shrubs or garden waste.
- Avoid lighting bonfires or fireworks near thatched properties.
- Don't use petrol or paraffin to start your bonfire or barbecue.
- Store gas cylinders outside, away from sunshine and frost.
- Always change gas cylinders outdoors.



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- After cooking, turn the **gas supply** off and then the barbecue control.
  - Ensure your barbecue is **cool** before moving it.
  - Don't put **ashes** into wheelie bins.

- Follow instructions on fireworks.
- Make sure fireworks are well secured in the ground and pointing upright.
- Light fireworks at arm's length and stand well back when lit.
- Never return to a firework that has been lit, even if it hasn't gone off.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Don't put fireworks in your pocket.

**For more information about fire safety, visit:**

**[www.gov.uk/firekills](http://www.gov.uk/firekills)**

## **BOGUS CALLERS & ROGUE TRADERS**

**Not sure? Don't open the door!**

- Keep your front and back doors locked, even when you are at home.
- Install a 'spy hole' in the front door so that you can see who the caller is before opening the door.
- Use a door chain or door bar so that you don't have to open the door fully to talk to the person on your doorstep.
- Even if the person calling has an appointment, check their identity card carefully.
- If the caller claims to be from a particular company, you can check by calling the company in question using a number from the phone book. (Don't use a card or number given to you by the caller.) Close the door while you check. A genuine caller won't mind waiting.

Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the council, police or utility companies. They can also turn up as builders or gardeners and try to trick you into paying for unnecessary work.

Never agree to have work done by someone just passing by. If you think work needs to be done, get at least two quotations from reputable companies. Never sign anything on the spot.

- Always shop around for the best price.
- Be wary of ‘special offers’ or warnings about your home.
- Never hand over cash or sign anything.
- Talk to someone you trust, such as a relative, friend or neighbour, for a second opinion.



Here are some responses you can use to callers at the door:

- “I do not buy goods or services at the door.”
- “I’d like more time to think about it.”
- “I want to shop around and get other quotes.”
- “I’d like to discuss it with someone else.”

If you think a bogus caller has called on you, report it to the police immediately on 101.

For advice on doorstep selling you can call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 08454 04 05 06 (English) or 08454 04 05 05 (Welsh), or visit [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

## VEHICLE SECURITY

- Put your car keys out of sight in your home. Don't leave them visible from windows or near the door.
- Use an anti-theft device on your car. There are many different types available; ask your local police for advice. Your insurance company may also be able to advise you on approved security devices.
- Etch your car's registration number on all glass surfaces – windows, headlamps and sunroof. Thieves don't want the expense of replacement.



**Register your bike on  
[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)**

- Lock bicycles and motorcycles in a secure garage or shed if you have one, using a good quality U-lock to an immovable object.
- Fit an alarm to your motorcycle.
- Get your bike postcode marked – contact your local police on 101 for details. Your police station or cycle dealer may do this for free.



# THEFT FROM CARS

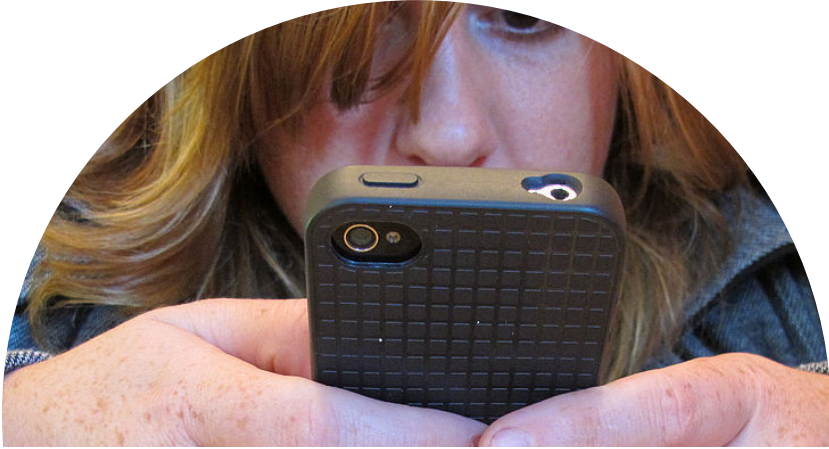
A **'Park Mark'** shows that a car park meets recognised security levels. More information can be found at [www.parkmark.co.uk](http://www.parkmark.co.uk) or via the British Parking Association on 01444 447 300.

- Don't leave anything on show in your car when you park – not even a coat or empty carrier bag.
- Park somewhere open and lock up – including the boot.
- Remember to close the windows and sunroof when you leave your car.
- If you have a removable sat nav, remove it and lock it in the boot when you park up, even if only for a short time. Polish any marks off the windscreen and put away the cable.
- Try not to store things in the boot, particularly overnight.
- Store car ownership information at home, not in your car.
- When you leave the car, especially overnight, take removable radios, stereos and sat navs with you.
- Number plates are often stolen for criminal use. Use plates secured with anti-theft screws, available from car accessory stores or your local police.

Check with your local **police** on 101 – they sometimes hold **car crime prevention events** where you can pick up tips, ask for advice and get free or reduced products.



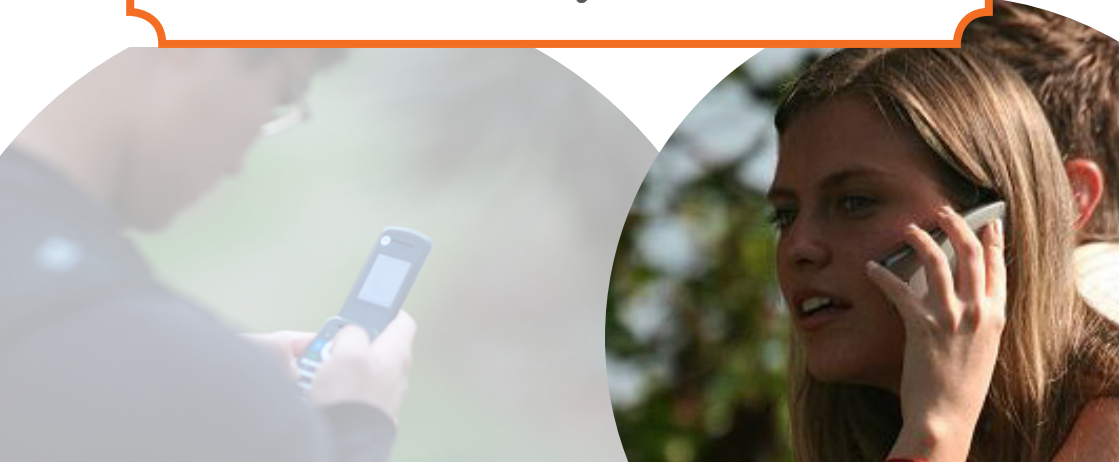
## MOBILE PHONES



- Use a password, passcode or pattern code to lock your phone.
- Register your mobile with [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com), using your IMEI number (15 to 17 digit code usually behind the battery - or key in \*#06#).
- If you use a smartphone to access the internet, install anti-virus software specifically designed for mobile phones. Ask for advice at the store where you bought your phone.
- Avoid opening links or downloading games and apps unless you are certain of their source.
- Don't open suspicious or unsolicited messages.
- Don't store password reminders on your phone.
- Clear your browser history – especially if using online banking.
- If your phone is stolen, report it immediately to the police and your service provider to block usage, even if it's pay-as-you-go. (Don't report lost phones as stolen. This is a crime.)

## Remember:

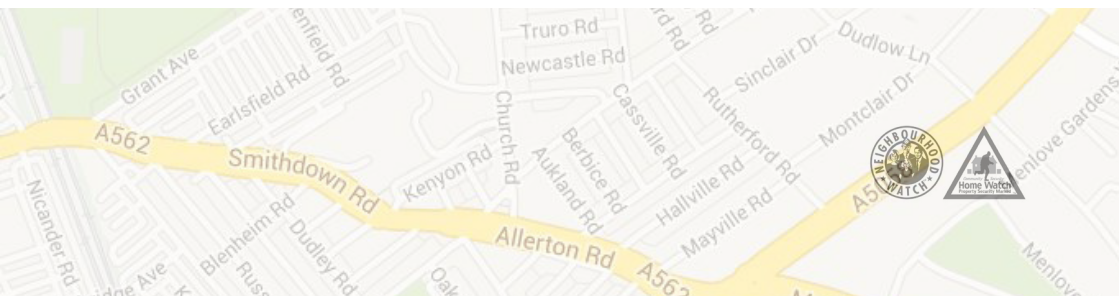
**If you have a smartphone, take the same precautions as you would when accessing the internet over any other device.**



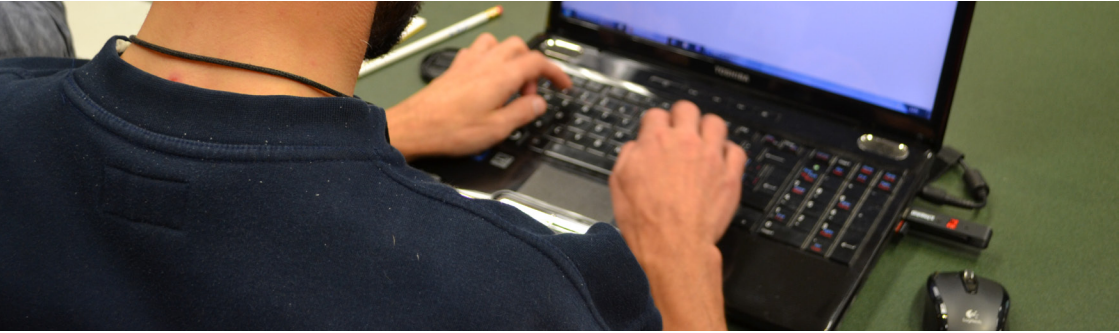
### **Be careful with your location settings.**

If you use your phone to update social media or to upload photos, location data could be uploaded to the internet without you realising. Burglars can use this information to find out where you live and even when you are likely to be out of the house.

**If you are unsure, ask a member of staff at the shop where you bought your phone to show you the location settings.**



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## ONLINE SAFETY

- Make sure you have an up to date security programme and anti-virus software installed on your computer.
- Make regular backups of important files.
- Microsoft never sends emails about security updates; these are hoaxes. Websites with useful information about hoaxes are [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) and [www.hoax-slayer.com](http://www.hoax-slayer.com).
- Be careful about clicking on links and attachments in emails. Don't click on links from an unknown sender. Remember that spammers could also gain access to a friend's account, so if you get an uncharacteristic email containing a link from a friend, do not click on it but find another way of contacting them to check that the message is genuine.
- Remember that free screensavers and games can be used to infect computers with viruses. Never download them, no matter who has sent them to you.



- Never click on a link in an email from your bank. If you want to use online banking, enter the website address in the address bar yourself, so that you know you are going to the right website and not a fake site designed to replicate the genuine article.
- Leave a website if you feel suspicious - if the site doesn't look or 'feel' right, if there is text that doesn't appear to have any purpose or doesn't tie in with the rest of the site, or if you feel uneasy for any reason.
- Don't use open wi-fi hotspots to send private information such as bank details.
- When buying things online or otherwise entering sensitive data, look for a padlock in the bottom right corner of the screen and a web address beginning with https. This indicates that you are on a site that has its own built-in security.

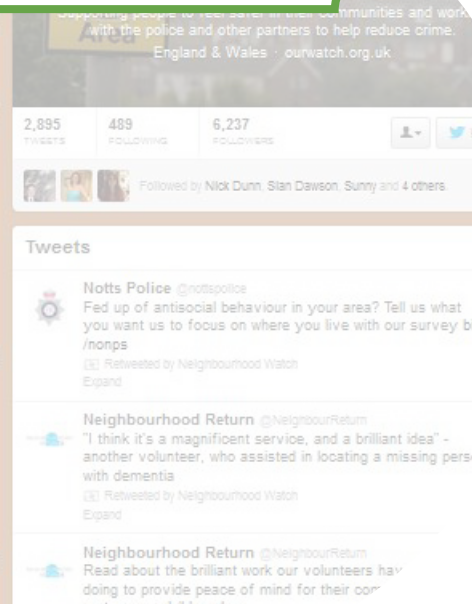


If you use a **wireless network** at home,  
password-protect it.

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Burglars often try to use social media sites (such as Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Foursquare) to find out personal information about people. If you have any social media profiles make sure you are familiar with the privacy settings and have them set to 'friends only' or the equivalent. Criminals will try to find information about your location. It makes sense to avoid posting your address online, but don't forget they might also be able to work out where you live from photos. And, of course, updates about your holidays tell people that your house is empty! For more information about how burglars use social media, visit [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) and type 'burglars social media' into the search box.

**There is lots of information about staying safe online on the Get Safe Online website:**  
[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)



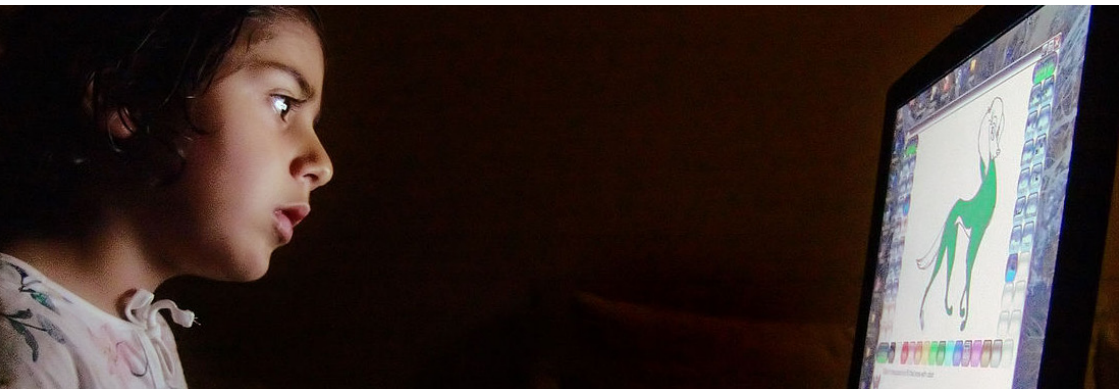
For advice about keeping children safe online, or if you want to report someone who is behaving suspiciously towards a child online, contact the Child Exploitation & Online Protection Centre at [www.ceop.gov.uk](http://www.ceop.gov.uk) or 0870 000 3344.



**If a child is at immediate risk,  
call 999.**

You can report illegal online content to  
the Internet Watch Foundation at:

**[www.iwf.org.uk/report](http://www.iwf.org.uk/report)**



# PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD

You can protect yourself to some extent against fraud by following the advice about keeping safe online and not buying from doorstep callers. Here is some other advice to help you stay safe:

- Don't give any personal information to anyone – either online, face to face or over the phone – before verifying their credentials.
- Don't let anyone take your debit or credit card out of sight when paying in a shop or restaurant.
- Shred receipts with your card details on and correspondence with your name and address on.
- Regularly get a copy of your credit file and check it for entries you don't recognise. **Callcredit** ([www.callcredit.co.uk](http://www.callcredit.co.uk) / 0113 388 4300), **Equifax** ([www.equifax.co.uk](http://www.equifax.co.uk)) and **Experian** ([www.experian.co.uk](http://www.experian.co.uk) / 0844 481 0800) can all provide your credit file.
- Be extremely wary of post, phone calls or emails offering business deals out of the blue. If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Hide your PIN when withdrawing cash.
- Remember that your bank would never contact you to ask you for your PIN, password or other security information in full.
- If you move house, contact your bank, give them your new address and arrange with the Post Office to have your mail redirected.



**Action Fraud** is the UK's fraud and internet crime reporting centre. They provide advice and resources about how you can avoid becoming a victim of this type of crime, and you can report any such crime to them. Visit [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.



Some scams or frauds involve online dating. Be very careful about what information you give to someone you have never met in person – and never send any money to someone you haven't met, no matter what sob story they tell you. Fraudsters can be extremely convincing. The site [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org) has further information.

Scams can also revolve around job-hunting. As well as being wary of links and attachments in unsolicited emails, beware of interview, job or training 'offers' that require you to buy books or equipment, or pay a fee upfront.



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## OVER THE TELEPHONE

- Never reply to unsolicited text messages, even to try and stop them. Simply delete them.
- If using a smartphone, make sure you install anti-virus software and follow the advice on mobile phones.
- Never give any personal information over the phone unless you made the call and are certain of who you are speaking to.



**Sign up to the  
Telephone Preference Service  
([www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) or 0845 070  
0707) to minimise unsolicited calls.**

Never agree to anything over the phone. Don't be shy of just hanging up on telephone cold callers. If you are interested in a particular product or service, do your own research – look on the internet, use the Yellow Pages to get several quotations from different companies, and ask friends and family for recommendations. Then, when you find the product or service you want, you make the call.

**Remember: scammers often pretend to be from legitimate, well-known, national or global companies like Microsoft, a bank or utilities provider. If in doubt, hang up and phone the company yourself, using a phone number from their official website, Yellow Pages or letterheaded correspondence from them.**



A common scam involves someone calling you up and claiming that there is something wrong with your computer and they can fix it for you. This is a hoax! If you think there is a problem with your computer or you want to buy or update antivirus software, ask advice from the store where you bought it or ask a trusted computer repair technician that you have contacted yourself. Never give control of your computer remotely to a third party over the telephone.



## PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY

**If you receive bills, invoices or receipts for things you haven't bought, or financial institutions you don't normally deal with contact you about outstanding debts, take action. Your identity may have been stolen.**

- Never throw away ATM receipts, credit statements, credit cards or bank statements in a usable form.
- Never give your credit card number over the telephone unless you made the call and are certain of who you are speaking to.
- Reconcile your bank account monthly and notify your bank of discrepancies or unauthorised transactions immediately.
- Keep a list of telephone numbers to call to report the loss or theft of your wallet, credit cards, etc.



- If you start to receive post for someone you don't know, find out why.
- If you are expecting a statement, new card or cheque book by post and it does not arrive within the indicated length of time, contact your bank immediately.
- Protect mail left in communal areas of residential properties.
- Re-direct your mail when moving home.
- Sign up with the Mail Preference Service to avoid unsolicited mail: [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)
- When registering to vote, tick the box to opt out of the 'Edited' register.



The Metropolitan Police produce a useful online booklet called **The Little Book of Big Scams**. This can be downloaded at [www.met.police.uk/docs/little\\_book\\_scam.pdf](http://www.met.police.uk/docs/little_book_scam.pdf) and an audio version is also available (visit [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) and type 'little book big scams' into the search box).



## **PERSONAL SAFETY WHEN OUT & ABOUT**

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Keep to well-lit and busy areas whenever possible and try to avoid routes that include underpasses, quiet alleyways, wooded or deserted areas.
- Try to look and act confident.
- Spread your valuables around – e.g. keys in jacket pocket, phone in bag, money in trouser pocket.
- Keep valuables out of sight. Be careful if you decide to take out your phone, mp3 player or wallet in public. If you are wearing your music player this will also make it more difficult to hear someone approaching you.
- Try to avoid chatting on your mobile phone when walking alone, as this could distract you and prevent you from noticing potential danger approaching.
- Consider getting a personal safety alarm to carry with you when out and about. Your local police ([www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) or call 101) will be able to advise on the best alarm and where you can get one from.

**If someone tries to take something from you, it is usually safer to let them have it rather than get into a confrontation.**



- If you think someone is following you, go to the nearest place where there are other people, such as a shop.
- If you go jogging or cycling, vary your route from day to day, and the time if you can. Stick to well-lit areas and open spaces.
- Walk facing traffic so a car can't pull up beside you without warning.
- Cover up expensive-looking jewellery.
- Remember that you are more vulnerable to attack when you have been drinking. Be careful of drink spiking – never leave drinks unattended; ask a trusted friend to look after your drink for you if you need to go to the toilet.
- Try to avoid using cash machines at night.
- Consider using a purse chain.
- Avoid carrying important documents or credit cards that you don't need.
- Never accept a lift from someone you don't know well or don't feel comfortable with.



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## If a **vehicle driver** stops and speaks to you:

- Keep your distance from the vehicle.
- If you feel threatened, move away quickly in the opposite direction from the way the car is facing.
- If you can, try to remember vehicle details (number plate, make, colour) and call the police.



## When **driving**:

- Before a long trip, make sure your vehicle is in good condition and has plenty of fuel. Carry a spare empty fuel can and a torch.
- Plan your route before leaving.
- Make sure you have enough money, and contact details for breakdown services.
- Tell someone where you are going and what time you plan to arrive.
- Keep any bag, phone or valuables out of sight.
- Don't stop for hitchhikers.
- When driving in towns or cities, don't wind your window down far enough for someone to reach in while you are stopped in traffic.
- If you think you are being followed, or if someone tries to flag you down, drive on until you come to a service station or somewhere busy and call the police.





## On public transport:

- On buses, try and avoid isolated stops. If you want to feel safer, sit on the lower bus deck near the driver. On trains or tubes, sit in a busy carriage.
- If you are arriving at night, try and arrange to be met by someone at your destination. Use main escalators and walkways where there is CCTV.
- Always use a reputable mini-cab or private hire car firm and pre-book at their office or by phone.
- Check your taxi is the one you booked. Give your name at the time of booking and ask the driver to repeat it before you get in. Look for identification on the driver or vehicle. If you are not sure about the driver, do not get in. If you feel uneasy once you are in the taxi, ask the driver to let you out at a busy, well-lit place.
- At the end of your journey, ask the driver not to drive off until you get indoors.
- Find out if your town has a Taxi Marshalling Scheme at weekends. These are available in many major towns and cities.

**For more information  
about personal safety, visit  
[www.suzylamplugh.org](http://www.suzylamplugh.org)**



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## ABOUT NEIGHBOURHOOD & HOME WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch, known in some areas as Home Watch, is one of the UK's largest voluntary movements, covering approximately 3.8 million households.

The overall aim of the movement is to bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen. We believe everyone has the right to feel safe where they live.

Our vision is that of a caring society that is focused on trust and respect in which people are safe from crime and live in communities that enjoy a good quality of life.

It has been proved that Neighbourhood and Home Watch schemes help to reduce crime and keep people safer in their homes and communities.



## How to join

You can find your nearest local scheme by using the postcode search on the website [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk). If there is a scheme near you, you can apply online to join, or send a message to the coordinator via a secure web form.

If there is no scheme showing near you, contact your Regional Representative - their details can be found at [www.ourwatch.org.uk/get\\_involved/in\\_the\\_regions](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/get_involved/in_the_regions)

If you don't have access to the internet, you can call the Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network (NHWN) office on **0116 229 3118** and a member of staff will be happy to point you in the right direction.

## Starting a scheme

If there is no scheme near you, you might like to start your own. It's very easy! All you need to do is speak to some of your neighbours and find out whether they are interested in taking part.

Once you and your neighbours have decided to start a scheme, you need to contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team by calling 101. You can also contact your Regional Representative (go to [www.ourwatch.org.uk/get\\_involved/in\\_the\\_regions](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/get_involved/in_the_regions) or call **0116 229 3118** for their details).

There is lots of information about setting up and running a scheme on the NHWN website at [www.ourwatch.org.uk/resource\\_centre](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/resource_centre). Take a look at our toolkits, case studies and documents for inspiration.



# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH™

## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD & HOME WATCH NETWORK (ENGLAND & WALES)

We support Neighbourhood and Home Watch schemes across England and Wales by providing a central resource for members as well as by liaising with other national organisations and strategic bodies on behalf of our members.

We support members to communicate with each other and with partners, local authorities and the police. We provide free tools and resources for our members and help identify opportunities such as local, regional and national-level funding, training, peer mentoring, media outlets and community projects. We also promote safety awareness and community cohesion in partnership with a wide range of other national organisations.

We are committed to increasing the coverage of Neighbourhood and Home Watch and attracting a new and diverse membership.

