



Community Safety News

Christmas crime prevention

Remember these essential crime prevention tips at Christmas



While shopping:

- Park your car in a well-lit car park, preferably one that is attended or displays the Park Mark.
- Before you leave your car, ensure all windows and doors are locked. Avoid leaving purchases and presents in your vehicle. If you leave items in the car, ensure they are not on display.
- Make sure your handbag is closed or your wallet is in an inside pocket. Never leave bags unattended in a trolley.
- Always shield your PIN when entering it at cashpoints or terminals.
- Pay for items on a card and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

When at home:

- Don't put Christmas presents under the tree until the last minute. Don't leave them in view of a window.
- If you are buying or receiving valuable gifts such as bikes, mobiles or electrical items, register them for free at www.immobilise.com.
- If you receive a smartphone, tablet or similar products, familiarise yourself with the location features, such as Apple's "Find My iPhone" app, which can help you locate them if lost or stolen.
- Refrain from keeping large amounts of cash at home.
- A secure home reduces the chance of a burglary. Make sure windows and doors are locked and keep keys out of sight .
- When you go out at night, make it appear that someone is home. Draw the curtains and leave a light on.
- Dispose of packaging by breaking it down before putting it in the bin. Empty boxes outside can advertise you have new goods .
- Ensure your home contents insurance is adequate.

More tips are available at www.hampshire.police.uk

The Safer North Hampshire community safety team wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Going out at Christmas



- Drink sensibly, and stay with friends.
- Plan how you will be getting home in advance
- Never get into an unlicensed taxi.
- Don't accept drinks from strangers or leave your drink unattended.
- Never walk alone or take short cuts through dark alleys or open spaces.
- Keep your belongings with you and never leave your bag or personal items unattended.
- Don't drink and drive. You may still be over the limit in the morning.

Safety starts at home

From the New Year, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Community Safety Patrol Officers begin work on a new campaign with the aim of ensuring people feel safe where they live. Working with local housing associations, the county council, the police and community groups, the team will tackle issues specific to individual areas including reducing litter and fly-tipping, removing graffiti, cutting back overhanging bushes and trees and repairs to broken streetlights and pavements.

Cracking down on fly-tipping

People that fly-tip not only spoil the countryside and local community but also risk an unlimited fine and even a prison sentence. That is the message from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as part of a crackdown on people that illegally dump unwanted items. The council's community safety patrol officers and environmental health and street care teams have teamed up to reduce the amount of fly-tipping in the borough. For more information visit www.basingstoke.gov.uk/flytipping

Roadshows—Christmas Operation Stronghold

The Safer North Hampshire team will be providing crime prevention/personal safety advice as well as handing out some goodies. Meet the team on the dates below between 11:00-13:00:

- 2 December Wellington Centre
- 7 December Hart Shopping Centre
- 8 December Festival Place
- 15 December Princes Mead

