



Protecting Communities, Targeting Criminals, Making a Difference

Crime Prevention

Safer Neighbourhoods
North Lincolnshire

Introduction

- Safer Neighbourhoods Partnership
- Humberside Police, North Lincolnshire Council, Humberside Fire & Rescue, the NHS and voluntary and community sector
- Aim is to reduce and prevent crime across North Lincolnshire
- 17 Neighbourhood Action Teams covering all wards

Focus

- Four crime types which affect most people:
- Doorstep Crime
- Burglary – Homes/Sheds/Garages
- Vehicle Crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour

Doorstep Crime

- People may try and trick their way into your home
- **LOCK** – Keep your front and back doors locked, even when you're at home
- **STOP** – Stop and think whether you are expecting anyone – check who it is
- **CHAIN** – Use the chair or door bar if you have one
- **CHECK** – Check the ID card carefully, even if you have an appointment

- Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the council, the police or utility companies
- They can say they are builders or gardeners
- **DON'T** agree to work done by someone passing by

- **If you think you have had a bogus caller – Report it to the police immediately on 101**
 - **IF IN DOUBT – KEEP THEM OUT!**

Burglary

- Good home security is the best way to reduce burglaries
- In the last year, 17 % of all crime in North Lincolnshire were burglary offences (1 in 5)
- Burglars are most likely to target **insecure** properties, particularly ground floor, rear windows
- Typically, burglars don't want to get caught – the more you can delay them, the better
- The majority of burglaries are **sneak in** burglaries, which can be prevented **by locking your doors**

Burglary prevention

LOCKS

- Always lock your doors and windows
- Don't leave your keys near the door or where they could be reached from outside
- New windows and doors should be British Standard
- ✓ **Windows – BS7950**
- ✓ **Doors – PAS 24**
- Older windows can have window locks fitted – a burglar is less likely to break in if they have to smash a window

LIGHTING

- Rear lighting should be sensor activated and bright enough to light your garden/yard and point towards the ground
- Lighting to the front should be dusk to dawn (dim) and over any access points e.g. door or garage door

Burglary prevention

SURVEILLANCE

- Natural surveillance – clear view of the property
- Formal – CCTV or staff
- Informal – passers by e.g. Neighbourhood Watch

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Have burglar proof fences and walls, particularly at the rear
- Walls and solid fencing can hide offenders
- Chain link fencing or trellis with prickly shrubs is recommended

ALARMS

- Put burglars off – they don't like noise or to be seen!
- Ensure they turn off after 20 mins (noise nuisance)

REMEMBER SHEDS AND GARAGES!

- **Always keep these locked, consider property marking and a 'good' padlock, best way to secure expensive equipment is to 'ground anchor'.**

Vehicle Crime

CARS

- Lock doors and windows
- Don't leave anything on display
- Remove the stereo if you can
- Remove Sat Nav devices (wipe away marks)
- Never store car documents in the car
- A steering lock can help secure older cars
- Windows can be etched with the VRM
- Park in lit areas where possible
- Use your secure garage if you have one

Vehicle Crime

MOTORBIKES/SCOOTERS

- Always lock your bike and set the alarm
- Try and use a frame/post when leaving for a period of time
- If using a chain lock, use a short chain – more difficult to break
- Consider a ground anchor for at home
- Mark the vehicle with the vehicle identification number

Neighbourhood Watch

- Aim is to reduce crime and deter thieves and vandals
- Enhance community spirit towards the protection of their property
- Reduce fear of crime and take pride in their neighbourhood
- Inform police of suspicious activity, creating a safer place to live
- Share crime information with group members
- Currently 151 groups in North Lincolnshire

Crime Prevention Schemes

NOMINATED NEIGHBOUR

- Vulnerable members of the community
- Reduce doorstep crime
- Pack contains a card that is held up at the door to advise of the nearest nominated neighbour

IMMOBILISE

- Free property registering database
- Aim is to reunite owner with property, if recovered

SHEDUCATION

- Work with NW groups/Allotment holders
- Awareness raising campaign

Useful Numbers

- Humberside Police non-emergency number **101**
- North Lincolnshire Council contact centre **01724 297000**
 - Report flytipping, litter, dog fouling, street lighting etc
- Safer Neighbourhoods **01724 244660**
- Neighbourhood Watch **01724 244634**

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