



Community Safety News

Summer home security

With the sunshine having finally arrived, people tend to become more relaxed about leaving windows and doors open! Taking just a few steps can make a big difference in keeping your home safe from burglary and other crime.

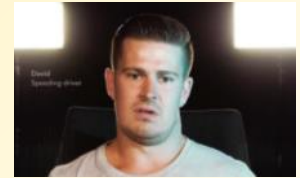


Here are a few tips:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're just out in the garden.
- Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox).
- Install a visual burglar alarm.
- Install good outside lighting.
- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property if you are away.
- Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied.
- Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition.
- Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage.
- Keep ladders and tools stored away; don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.
- Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property i.e. trim high hedges.
- Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free with on www.immobilise.com.
- Consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
- Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows.
- Store any high value items (i.e. jewellery, passports) in a properly secured safe or bank vault.

Hampshire Police launch speed awareness campaign

Hampshire Police have launched a speed awareness campaign, featuring a young driver, David, who pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving.



Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police are encouraging people to watch, listen and share David's experience and remind motorists there is no such thing as safe speeding. It is all part of an ongoing campaign at highlighting to motorists the risks involved in speeding during the week of action against speed.

You can view David's video by visiting www.hampshire.police.uk and visiting the news section.

Domestic abuse and cultural barriers

Domestic Abuse Forum members in the Safer North Hampshire area are committed to ensuring that all those affected by domestic abuse feel able to access services and support which meets their needs, regardless of their gender, sexuality, ethnicity, physical or emotional difficulties.



Those supporting people affected by domestic abuse have specialist training so they can understand cultural and community issues.

Support services can use translation services to help communication, as well as having access to literature to explain more about domestic abuse. The Nepali domestic and sexual abuse service provides support for those from the community with language and cultural issues and can be contacted on 01252 333618 – ask to speak to Aliza. For more information visit www.safernh.co.uk.



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