



## **CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE**

### **Bogus Callers**

Most people who call at your home will be genuine but it's important to be on your guard and remember there are bogus callers about.

These are people who turn up unannounced with the intention of tricking their way into your home to steal.

Too many people have been fooled into letting callers through the front door only to discover their valuables have been stolen while they were distracted.

Fraudsters may also try to steal money over the telephone. Thieves posing as police officers have stolen large sums of money in a number of recent incidents targeting elderly people.

### **Scams**

Bogus callers are creative and their reasons for needing entry into your home can seem plausible, but be cautious.

The person whose car has broken down and needs to use your phone to call the recovery service may not be who they seem.

More complex scams involve people pretending to be from utility companies and needing access to your home.

These people often work in pairs. While one person distracts the homeowner, the other gains entry to your home to steal. Typical scenarios include stories of an emergency gas or water leak.

Over the telephone callers may pretend to be police officers or bank officials, who tell victims that thieves have had access to their bank accounts. They may try to reassure victims that they are genuine by telling them to hang up and dial 999. When they hang up the thief stays on the line, before 'answering' the 999 call. They then ask victims to withdraw large amounts of cash and send it to them in a taxi so that

they can check the notes for fingerprints.

### Identification

Always be sure the caller is who they say they are before letting them in. All genuine callers will have identification and won't mind you asking to see it.

Representatives from water, gas and electric companies are unlikely to call at your home without an appointment and police are likely to be present if there is a real emergency.

If you don't want callers in your home, tell them. If they fail to listen you should contact us.

Police or bank officials would never call you by telephone and ask for your full bank details or ask you to withdraw large sums of cash.

### Advice

Most people who call at your home will have a genuine reason for doing so but by taking a few simple precautions you can protect yourself and your home.

Follow our advice to stay safe:

- If you receive a phone call asking for your bank details or for large sums of cash call police from a different phone, for example a neighbour's, or wait 5 minutes and be sure you hear a dial tone before dialling.
- Don't be frightened to ask for identification and always check it carefully. If you're not sure, ask them to come back another day.
- Think about installing a door chain and use it. Keep the door on the chain until you've seen identification.
- If you need your glasses to read the identification, close the door before going to find them. Don't leave the door open and unattended.
- Remember to lock the back door before opening the front.
- Don't be pressured into letting someone into your home if you have suspicions.
- Don't keep large amounts of cash in the house.
- Don't believe scare stories. Not all callers are genuine.

## Police Activities.

The next Local Community meeting will be on 9th April at St.Osyth Village Hall, Clacton Road, St.Osyth Essex, CO16 8PE the time of the meeting will be 19:00 – 20:30.

The meeting is being held for local Tendring residents to attend to discuss with Officers local issues and seek advice on crime prevention.

1 person has been arrested in Clacton in a Cannabis factory today

2 people were arrested last night for arson in Clacton

Can you name men caught on camera? We want to talk to them about theft from The Co-operative Food in Frinton.

Recognise them? Call 101



Tell us what you think We are keen to find out how you would like to access Essex Police non-emergency services in the future.

The ambition of Essex Police is to meet current and future needs of the public, providing more choice, faster resolution and improved self service capability.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey and have your say in

shaping the way you can contact Essex Police in the future.  
If you have any questions then please contact  
[rob.huddleston@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rob.huddleston@essex.pnn.police.uk)  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PublicContactSurvey>

## **NHW Information**

### **Calls to '101' will cost 15p for the entire call,**

This applies to both landlines and mobile phones. For the first time ever, everyone calling the police for non-emergency matters will know exactly how much it will cost them and will be assured of equal access whether they are on a pay-as-you-go mobile or a home landline.



### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

For all incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour please call police in the first instance on 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for all emergencies.  
The Anti-Social Behaviour Helpline - This number is provided for members of the public to call in and report acts of Anti-Social Behaviour to Tendring District Council Community Safety Partnership Unit.  
The Community Safety Team will co-ordinate a response to your anti-social

behaviour problem with partners as required.

## ASB NUMBER – 01255 686359

### Neighbourhood Policing Contact Numbers

Point of contact	Area	Number
PC 70932 Robert Willmott	Clacton East	07970 535147
PC 74565 Dale Plant	Clacton West	07970 535147
PC 70310 Nicola Southgate	Clacton Town	07970 535147
PC 70932 Robert Willmott	Great Clacton	07970 535147
PC 74565 Dale Plant	Jaywick	07970 535147
PC 2176 Daniel Heard	Thorpe	07970 535147
PC 2080 Ian Rutherford	Frinton & Walton	07850 631017
PC 976 Judith Currie	Mistley, Manningtree & Ardleigh, Lawford	07980 904851
PC 2176 Daniel Heard	Brightlingsea, Alresford & Elmstead	07801 316876
PC 2764 Trevor Abrahams	Harwich	07711 147176
PC 2176 Daniel Heard	Great Bentley	07801 316876

**CRIME STATISTICS 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Mar' 15**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Burglary Dwelling</b>	<b>Burg Other</b>	<b>Crim Dam</b>	<b>Shop lifting</b>	<b>Theft From/Of MV</b>	<b>Theft of P/Cycle</b>	<b>Theft of Metal</b>	<b>Arson</b>
Golf Green		1	3	1				
Rush Green				1				
Peter Bruff								
Bocking Elm			1	1				
Alton Park			1					
Pier		1	5	10				
St James				1				
Burrsville		1						
St Johns			4	1				
St Bartholomews								
Haven								
St Marys			2			1		
St Pauls								
Holland & Kirby			2					
Frinton			2			1		
Hamford			1		2			
Homelands								
Walton								
Beaumont & Thorpe								
Little Clacton & Weeley	1				1			
St Osyth & Point Clear	1							
Brightlingsea								
Alresford								
Great Bentley								
Thorrington, Frating, Elmstead & Great Bromley			3					
Ardleigh & Little Bromley								
Manningtree, Mistley, Little Bentley, Tendring		1		2				

Lawford			1					
Bradfield, Wrabness Wix								
Ramsey & Parkston		1				1		
Great & Little Oakley		1						
Harwich East			2					
Harwich East Central				1				
Harwich West Central		1	1					
Harwich West		1	1					

To find out what ward you are in type **Essex Insight** into your search engine then click on **Your Local Area**, enter your postcode in Block Capitals then click search. The Ward that you are in will be displayed

Crime Data is now available for the Public to view and it is located on the Police.uk website, in an area called 'Compare Your Area'. This will provide you with tailored charts on (a) crime rates in your CSP (Community Safety Partnership) compared with most similar areas; (b) crime rates in the CSP compared with other CSPs in force area; and (c) trends over time for the CSP, the CSP's most similar group average and for the force area as a whole. The launch date of the Compare Your Area site on Police.uk was Monday **October 15<sup>th</sup> 2012**

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