



## CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE

# Your Property

Your belongings may be important to you but to a thief they are just a way of making easy cash.

Marking your possessions makes them less attractive to burglars because they are hard to sell on and too hot to handle.

Every year we recover property worth thousands of pounds but are unable to return it to its rightful owner because it can't be properly identified.

We hope you are never the victim of theft but you can increase the chances of being reunited with any stolen items by registering them on the Immobilise website.



Immobilise helps us identify the owners of recovered property every day. It's completely free and allows you to create a private and secure inventory all your personal property. All you need to do is register on the [Immobilise website](#) and list possessions identifiable by a unique reference number like IMEI, serial number, bicycle frame number etc.

You can find out more on the [Immobilise website](#)

Protecting your home against thieves is vital but marking your belongings, especially those with sentimental value, could deter thieves or help us prove they were stolen. Registering them with Immobilise makes it easier for us to identify you as the owner.

How can I mark my property?

There are several ways to mark your belongings and you can buy easy to use kits for each method from DIY stores.

**Engraving or etching:** Use an electric engraving tool to leave a permanent mark on most hard surfaces.

**Ultraviolet marking:** Use an ultraviolet pen to leave a mark which only becomes visible under a UV lamp. The mark can fade over time so needs to be renewed regularly.

**Ceramic marking:** Use ceramic marking pens to leave a permanent mark on china and glass without cutting or scratching the surface.

**Electronic marking:** Modern televisions allow you to record your details electronically and prevent others accessing them with a security code.

### **What should I mark it with?**

A simple way to identify your property is to mark it with your postcode followed by your house or flat number.

After doing so, take photographs of the items alongside a ruler or tape measure. This will help make any insurance claims you may need to make in the future easier.

## **Police Activities.**

A 21-year-old man from Clacton has been arrested on suspicion of murder after a man in his 50s was stabbed in the town centre on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Sgt Gale apologises that due to a Hi profile incident in Clacton on Sea, Street meets will be cancelled in the Tendring Rural Areas with the exception of Walton and Frinton until the end of this week. We will look to resume our scheduled meetings as from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015. In the interim if you have a community issue we encourage you to report it via the 101 non emergency number or 999 system if it is an emergency

There has been a couple of burglaries in Estates agents recently please see the below advice from the Crime Prevention Officer.

## **Estate Agents Burglary Crime Prevention Advice**

### **Opportunistic**

These burglaries lack obvious planning. Burglars usually enter through the most vulnerable points: through a roof-light, forcing a window, perhaps finding an insecure door. Sometimes they smash a window and steal from the window display. They seldom try to overcome the alarm system although they may take pains to avoid setting it off. Usually they take relatively little – typically only what can easily be carried off. ‘Soft’ targets who do not carry high value stock and do not go to great lengths to protect their shops are often the most vulnerable.

### **What can you do about it?**

#### **Slow Them Down**

Time is a key factor in most burglaries. Burglars will put themselves at risk of being caught for as little time as possible. For them the risks are highest when they are conspicuous to passers-by or in the short time they have to complete their burglary after a burglar alarm has gone off. To prevent burglaries effectively, you should delay burglars at these times for as long as possible in order to make the risk seem unacceptable. The best way to do this is to put your resources into more than one of the types or levels of physical protection – the more barriers you create, the more you will slow them down.

#### **Train Your Staff**

You need full support from your staff. Teach them about the burglary prevention measures you have taken, and the correct use of any equipment you have installed.

#### **Reporting suspicious circumstances**

Explain to staff the importance, for example, of keeping a watchful eye for suspicious people or vehicles to prevent people ‘casing’ your premises.

#### **Get them involved**

You can develop their commitment to crime prevention by asking their opinions and ideas about the measures you are taking or propose to take.

#### **Key security**

Above all, you should build key security into your staff training programme. Ensure that only specially selected staff have access to certain keys or combination locks, and that keys to secure areas are not left within the shop.

Selected staff or managers must thoroughly understand their responsibilities for locking and securing fastenings on windows and doors, cabinets, internal offices where cash may be held, safes, rooflights and any other exits.

### **Intruder alarms**

You may deter some potential burglars if you display evidence that you have fitted an intruder alarm. Others may be scared off if they are breaking in and hear alarm bells go off. **Video surveillance**

Burglars are deterred by closed circuit television cameras monitoring the outside or inside of the building at night and they can also help police to detect the burglars. Stringent codes of practice need to be followed – including ensuring the date and time are incorporated into the recording – before video evidence can be successfully used in prosecution.

### **Help from your crime prevention officer**

## **ESSEX COMMUNITY MESSAGING**

**Sign up** for free at [www.essex.police.uk/ecm](http://www.essex.police.uk/ecm) to receive accurate and up-to-date community safety information and crime prevention advice from Essex Police, the Essex Police and Crime Commissioner and Neighbourhood Watch to help keep your community safe.

If you would like further Crime prevention advice or security assessments of your premises please contact me on the below.

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## **NHW Information**

Last Thursday evening Paul and I attended at their invitation a meeting of the Parkstone Residents Association, Harwich.

The meeting was well attended and we gave a talk on the history and aims of NHW. As a result new coordinators were signed up, we were impressed with the sense of community spirit shown by the people present and we wish them every success with their groups.

The Safer Schools Team in the London Borough of Havering have issued the following warning concerning the app, ooVoo. This is a free video, chat and instant-messaging social networking app being used by young people to call groups of users, normally friends. However unless a user profile is set to "PRIVATE" they can be contacted by users unknown who can then send images and messages to them. PLEASE can all parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts who have or know of children using this app, ensure that their profiles are "NOT OPEN"

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Apr' 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								
Rush Green								
Peter Bruff			1					
Bocking Elm					1			
Alton Park		1	1					
Pier	1	1	2	5				
St James					1			
Burrsville		1			2			
St Johns								
St Bartholomews				1				
Haven								
St Marys			1					
St Pauls			1	1	1			
Holland & Kirby								
Frinton								
Hamford	1							
Homelands								
Walton		1						
Beaumont & Thorpe								
Little Clacton & Weeley								
St Osyth & Point Clear	1							
Brightlingsea								
Alresford								
Great Bentley								
Thorrington, Frating, Elmstead & Great Bromley								
Ardleigh & Little Bromley								
Manningtree, Mistley, Little Bentley, Tendring						1		
Lawford								
Bradfield, Wrabness Wix	1							
Ramsey & Parkston	1							
Great & Little Oakley					1			
Harwich East			1					
Harwich East Central	1		1	1				

<b>Harwich West Central</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>			
<b>Harwich West</b>								

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**