

# Crime Prevention

- Nottinghamshire Police's Crime Prevention Unit are based at:

**Force HQ, Sherwood Lodge**

- How best to contact us –





**101 extn 800 3011 or email**

**[crime.prevention@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:crime.prevention@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)**

- Office Hours – **Mon to Fri 0800 - 1630**

# What can we offer?

- Information and advice guides – all available on the Notts Police Website
- <http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/crime-prevention-guides-overview>
- Crime Prevention Products available

Crime Prevention Unit – Product Order Form		August 2014	
Item Description		Unit Price	Qty
	Cremark property marking kit consisting of a security coding pen (black or silver) which is used to mark property with owner's postcode or telephone number, and a specially formulated protective lacquer spray which is used to make the security marking permanent. Kits usually mark around 40 items. <b>** Please circle Cremark pen colour required ** &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	£12.00 <b>Please circle pen colour required: Black or Silver</b>	
	StopTrack anti-theft marking. Aluminium based metal tamper proof identification plates, resists tension up to 400 kg. Makes hardware immediately identifiable. If the plate is forced off, an indelible mark with the words "stolen equipment" appears in place of the plate.	£5.00	
	Mini minder Personal Attack Alarm (small keyring type)	£2.50	
	Desk mountable Panic Alarm – also has belt clip or wrist strap	£3.50	

# What we can do for you

- If you are unsure on what security advice to give, or you would like help in putting together information for newsletters etc, please give us a call
- We are a small team, however, we can sometimes accommodate Crime Prevention Talks, provided there are enough attending the meeting
- If you are running training or advice sessions, speak to us about your theme and we will assist in best practice information and guidance to be included

# POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS

- 999
- When life is in danger, crime in progress or offender still in vicinity.
  
- 101
- For all non-emergency calls
  
- Call from anywhere in the UK.

# Not Sure? ... Don't open the door

- **Don't**
- let strangers into your home without checking their identity.
- be pressured into purchasing items at the door.
- employ a tradesperson without ensuring they are reputable.
- give your bank card to anyone at the door, or give your PIN over the telephone.
  
- **Do**
- get quotes from more than one tradesperson. Look out for 'buy with confidence' and 'trusted traders' logos, ask local authorities or Age UK for reputable tradespersons.
- keep your front and back doors locked, even when you are at home.
- if you have one, always put the door chain on or use your spy hole when someone is at the door, even if you are expecting someone.
- if you are 60+, sign up for the password scheme run by utility companies. It's proof of identity if the caller knows your designated password.



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# Property Marking

- Two main options : Overt (Visible) such as Cre Mark, SelectaMARK, or - Covert (invisible) UV pen, SelectaDNA, Smartwater or -
- Overt clearly has more deterrent value, and allows easier identification of ownership
- It is recommended that deterrent signage or window stickers are displayed
- More details available in our Property Marking Guide available at <http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk/crime-prevention-guides-overview>

# Darker Nights Advice

Reduce the risk of burglary in four steps:

- As the nights get darker earlier leave a light on inside your house. Remember to choose low energy lamps.
- Use a timer switch to operate the lights as it starts to get dark. Change the times that the lights come on to simulate an occupied home.
- Make sure your front door is well lit. Use dusk to dawn lighting that automatically comes on as it gets dark.
- Make sure you keep your doors and windows locked at all times.
- Don't lose your stuff, register it on a property database for free - Love it, log it!



# Burglars Roam ... Secure your home!!!

- Always lock your doors and windows whether at home or in the garden and whenever you go out.
- Keys should be kept in a safe place out of sight and well away from your letterbox. Make sure you can escape in case of a fire.
- Visible burglar alarms and carefully directed security lighting help deter burglars.
- Never leave garages or sheds unlocked, especially if they are connected to your property.
- Don't leave valuable items such as mobiles, tablets, handbags, wallets or keys in view of doors or windows day or night.
- Deter thieves - make sure your property is clearly marked and registered free of charge on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- For advice on crime prevention and property marking systems like CREMARK contact Nottinghamshire Police's Pre Crime Unit on 101 ext 800 3011.



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# Immobilise Property Database

- Immobilise is a national Property Register which holds the details of more than 20 million items of property
- You can safely and securely register details of your valuables free of charge on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)
- Takes only a few minutes of your time to register and you can add items over time
- For items without serial numbers such as jewellery, you can upload photos
- You stand a better chance of getting your lost or stolen property returned
- Assists Police in the prosecution case as it proves ownership – Immobilise is searched when items are recovered.



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# Intruder Alarms

- “No one takes any notice” ... Actually, burglars do!
- Types : Audible/Bells only; Autodial; Monitored / Police Linked
- When looking to install, go by recommendation, look into “Buy With Confidence or Trusted Traders” schemes
- Alternatively you can obtain details of accredited installers by visiting [www.nsi.org](http://www.nsi.org)
- Insurers will often give a discount on professionally installed and annually serviced alarms

# Holiday Advice

- A third of all burglaries in Nottinghamshire are due to insecurities. Make sure you have locked all windows and doors and remove the keys to a safe place when you leave the house.
- If you have an intruder alarm ensure its set. If you don't have one, consider having an alarm system installed.
- Make use of timer plugs with lamps and leave a radio on to make your house appear occupied. If possible, get a trusted neighbour or friend to collect post, open and close curtains.
- NEVER leave valuable items such as laptops, tablets or keys in view of windows or doors. Lock valuable items away in a ground anchored safe or you could consider leaving important documents and valuable items with other family members whilst away.
- Ensure lighting is in working order and gates are secured before you depart.
- Ensure gardening equipment, tools and ladders are put away and securely stored. Don't leave them lying around in your garden as they could aid offenders.
- Ensure that sheds and out buildings are locked and secured. Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries if you have them. Don't announce your departure to a shop full of people. Only tell people who need to know you're going away.
- Think before posting on social media about going on holiday. You wouldn't display a sign in your window advertising that you are going on holiday, so don't advertise it online.
- Don't have your home address showing on your luggage for the outward journey.

## Secure your home before you go to bed

Ensure you take these simple steps to secure your home before going to bed.

- Secure all garden and side gates.
- Lock all garden sheds and outbuildings, remove any tools from the garden and secure them in your shed.
- Make sure outside lights are set and working correctly.
- Lock all doors and windows.
- Ensure your intruder alarm is set if you have one.
- Take your wallet or handbag to bed with you, this includes house and vehicle keys.
- Take a fully charged phone to bed with you, in case of an emergency.

For more crime prevention advice contact our Pre Crime Unit. Further information is also available on our website.

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# Top Safety Tips



Test it



Put them out.  
Right out!



Plan an  
escape route



Close inside  
doors at night

### Test your smoke alarm every week.

- Make checking your smoke alarm part of your regular household routine, and follow the manufacturers maintenance instructions.
- Avoid leaving children in the kitchen alone when cooking on the hob. Keep matches and sauce pan handles out of their reach to keep them safe.
- Stub cigarettes out properly and dispose of them carefully. Put them out. Right out!

### Plan an escape route and make sure everyone knows how to escape.

- Make sure exits are clear.
- Take a few minutes to practice your escape plan.
- Don't tackle fires yourself.

### Make a bedtime check

- Close inside doors at night to stop a fire from spreading.
- Turn off and unplug electrical appliances unless they are designed to be left on - like your freezer.
- Check your cooker is turned off.



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# General Garden Security

- Install outside security lighting operated by either movement sensor or photo electric cell (Dusk till Dawn light) to the garden area, giving coverage to the shed
- Secure the access to your shed and garden by locking gates and using thorny bushes (defensive planting) next to walls and fences to prevent climbing
- Remember to secure gardening tools and equipment – not only could they be stolen, they could also be used by a criminal to break into your home
- Never leave ladders easily accessible outside. Chain them up to a secure point with a strong chain and padlock
- Make sure the shed is secure on its base. Use coach bolts or similar to secure it

# Secure your shed ... put burglary to bed

## Don't

- Leave garden tools and ladders outside
- Leave sheds and outbuildings unlocked
- Leave garden gates open

## Do

- Secure large items such as mowers and cycles together with a chain
- Use outside security lighting to alert you to movement
- Invest in a shed alarm - it doesn't have to be expensive
- Deter thieves - make sure your property is clearly marked
- Buy CREMARK, similar property marking systems and shed alarms from Nottinghamshire Police's Crime Prevention Unit. For more information call 101

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# Shed security advice

## Shed door security

- Fit a tough pad bar (also called hasp and staple) secured with coach bolts and a strong padlock to the shed door.
- Replace standard hinges with strap hinges secured by coach bolts or use security screws on existing hinges.



## Shed window

- It is better not to fit windows to sheds. However, if yours has a window, consider fitting a window grille and/or a frosted window film or even nets to stop a potential thief seeing what's inside your shed.



# SCAMS

- Never divulge passwords or PIN codes to people on the phone
- Ensure that you have anti virus software installed and update it regularly
- Back up your precious data, especially photos
- The Police NEVER send a courier to collect bank cards, no matter what!
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- Don't accept business via cold telephone calls or doorstep callers
- To keep up to date with the many scams register at [www.nottswatch.co.uk](http://www.nottswatch.co.uk) to receive alerts and/or regularly review <http://bramcotetoday.org.uk/scam-warnings/>