

There are many people, like you, who want to prevent burglaries, thefts and anti-social behaviour

You can be part of an effective, communitybased network by joining Neighbourhood Watch

Here's how:

- Enter your postcode at www.northantsnhw.co.uk to find your local Neighbourhood Watch and click to join your nearest scheme.
- If there's no scheme, then click to start your own scheme or contact your district leader via the Contacts page of the above website.
- There's no cost to join the largest crime prevention movement in England and Wales, with over 2.3 million member households.
- You'll automatically receive important Neighbourhood Alerts written by local police, Action Fraud, Neighbourhood Watch and other agencies. They will keep you in the know for what to look out for and how to help the police fight crime.
- Receive crime prevention advice to protect your family and belongings.
- Keep your ears and eyes open and report anything of concern.

999 for a crime in progress or where life is in danger

101 for non-urgent enquiries: to report a crime that has happened or a concern or suspicion or send a report via **www.northants.police.uk**

Northamptonshire Crimestoppers (for anonymous reports): use their online form at **www.crimestoppers-uk.org** or phone **0800 555 111**





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Burglary prevention checklist:

YOUR HOME

- Are spare keys left in easily accessible places i.e. under a plant pot or doormat? No
- If there is a burglar alarm is it always used? Yes
- Do your doors (front, back and patio) have industry-approved, secure locks (i.e. they meet TS007 3-star or Sold Secured Diamond Standard SS312)? Yes

INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Are doors and windows kept locked with the keys removed, kept out of sight/reach, but to hand in case of an emergency? Yes
- Do you use timer switches for lights (and radio or fake TV) when leaving the house unoccupied? Yes
- Are attractive items such as jewellery, car keys, laptops, iPads, cash and phones kept out of sight? Yes
- Have you created a written and photographic record of items of value (financial or sentimental)? Yes

OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

- Is the area around the house free from "tools" that a burglar could use: ladder, bricks, rubble and garden equipment? Yes
- Are sheds/garages/outbuildings locked at all times? Yes
- Does the perimeter of the front of the house allow good surveillance from the road? Yes
- Are vehicles at the premises secured when not in use? Yes
- Are items always removed from vehicles when not in use i.e. tools, laptops, satnay, cash, bags, etc. Yes
- If you have a garage is it used to store the vehicle? Yes

For more advice on reducing crime and building safer communities, check out the national Neighbourhood Watch Network website **www.ourwatch.org.uk**





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