

## Winter Newsletter, Winter Newsletter, Winter Newsletter

### Remember YOU DON'T BUY so THEY WON'T TRY

Don't buy goods or services at the doors, These people are a real pest; **they will** target the elderly and vulnerable and charge extortionate amounts for shoddy or no actual work, often many thousands of pounds. **They will** sell names and addresses of those that they have conned to criminals, and their victims can almost be guaranteed another visit from cowboy traders or worse.

For detailed advice contact us on 020 8733 4409

Or PC Simone Newall at Barnet Police on 0208 733 5814

Now is the time to act, do not leave it until it is too late. You can also report rogue traders to Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06. They will take action and get these guys. [Click here](#)



## CRIME PREVENTION

Reduce the risk of your home being burgled by taking these simple (and often inexpensive) precautions:

- Have strong locks to external doors and windows, and make sure they are **locked**.
- Remove the keys and keep them out of sight and in a safe place.
- If you don't already have, **consider fitting five-lever mortise deadlocks** (British Standard BS3621) to all external doors.
- If you are replacing or fitting new doors and windows, get ones that are certified to British Standard BS7950 (windows) and PAS 24-1 (doors).
- Make sure the **doors and frames are strong** and in **good condition**. The doors should be at least 44mm thick.
- Consider using **laminated glass** (for windows) as this is much harder to break.
- Consider fitting a **letterbox cage** or other restrictor to prevent thieves from reaching through to open the door.
- Fit a **door chain or bar and door viewer (spy-hole)**. Use them every time someone calls. Don't leave door chain or bar on all the time in case you need to get out in an emergency.
- **Never** leave a spare key in a convenient hiding place such as under the doormat, in a flowerpot or behind a loose brick - thieves know to look there first.

## Car CRIME

### Don't leave items on display

Sat Navs, loose change, left mobile phones, bag on the back seat all reasons to break into your car for that opportunist thief.

### Buy a steering wheel lock

A simple deterrent to stop your car being driven away by a thief. Remember never leave your car keys unattended, would you really leave your keys in the ignition whilst you just went and paid for your petrol...!

### Get an alarm fitted

At Home and in the car these also make good deterrents. A thief wants an easy target is that your car or house.

### Mark your equipment

Marking your valuable property with your name or address is easy and effective. If your property is ever stolen, it makes it more difficult to sell on, and it makes it easier for the police to trace your belongings back to you if found.



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**Pickpockets Love Christmas, all those purses and wallets crammed with cash and plastic. People in a hurry paying less attention than they normally do.**

**It is vital that you be aware of your surroundings and whomsoever is near you. Particularly at an ATM, Post Office and especially in a shop or supermarket. Thieves love people who are unaware or are distracted. They will be looking for people who have drawn out large amounts of cash or who have a bag or purse open on a shopping trolley. All you have to do is turn away for a second and it's gone.**

**The same applies for queues; teams of 3 or 4 will make short work of a victim.**

**ALWAYS keep your valuables in an inside pocket or if in a bag, securely over the shoulder with opening turned towards your body and always keep firm hold as well.**

**BE AWARE AT ALL TIMES, DON'T ADVERTISE AND KEEP AN EYE OUT.**



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