



Absafe Community Safety Bulletin

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REMEMBER THE FIREWORKS CODE THIS 5TH NOVEMBER

Saturday marks this year's Bonfire Night, launching Aberdeen City Council's Winter Festival, by hosting its annual fireworks spectacular. The annual display at the Beach Boulevard will this year be Disney themed, with festivities kicking off at 8pm.

Here at Absafe, we want to make sure everyone stays safe at home, and in the community. Fireworks night is an event for all the family to enjoy, but it's important to remember some key points to ensure your fireworks night goes with a bang and isn't a damp squib.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service has provided some handy hints and tips to ensure you and your family stay safe.

- It is safer to go to a public display than hold your own fireworks party
- Supervise all children carefully and keep them well back from the bonfire and fireworks
- Show older children how to hold sparklers - away from their body and at arm's length - and teach them not to wave them at other people or run while holding them
- Avoid dressing children in loose or flowing clothes that could catch alight easily, and give children gloves to wear when holding sparklers
- Steer clear of alcohol if you're running a display or looking after children

STAY SAFE WITH SPARKLERS

Did you know that sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil? Sparklers are not toys and should never be given to a child under five.

- Make sure you store sparklers and other fireworks in a closed box in a cool, dry place
- Always light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never hold a baby or child if you have a sparkler in your hand
- Plunge finished sparklers hot end down into a bucket of water as soon as they have burnt out
- Remember, sparklers can stay hot for a long time
- Don't take sparklers to public displays as it will be too crowded to use them safely

TREATING BURNS OR SCALDS

If you are injured by a firework or sparkler, cool the burn or scald with cold water for at least 10 minutes. Remember these key points:

- Cut around material sticking to the skin - don't pull it off
- Don't touch the burn or burst any blisters
- Cover the burn with clean, non-fluffy material - clingfilm is ideal - to prevent infection
- If clothing catches fire, get the person to stop, drop to the floor and roll them in heavy material like a curtain

- Get advice from your doctor or accident and emergency department at your local hospital

For more information about keeping safe during fireworks night, click here for further safety advice from the Fire Fighters Charity. <http://www.bonfire-night-safety.co.uk/>



CAR SECURITY

Police Scotland has reported a small but notable increase in the number of incidents where vehicle owners have left their cars, believing that they were secure, only to return later to find the car had been entered and property stolen from within.

In these instances there have been no signs of damage to the vehicle and no signs of forced entry. These circumstances indicate that cars may have not been locked properly, with owners assuming they did.

Make sure you lock your car doors even when the vehicle is left unattended for only a few minutes. This is particularly important at night. Check your car is definitely locked by inserting the key into the door lock, locking the car manually and testing the door handle to confirm that the car is secure, rather than relying on the remote key fob or an auto-lock system.

As we head towards the festive period, people will be going out Christmas shopping over the next few weeks, so it's especially important to be mindful of car security at these times. There are a number of simple precautions everyone can take to help avoid their car being broken into by thieves.

- Where possible, park in busy well-lit streets. Look out for areas covered by public or private CCTV systems and use these if possible. This will reduce the chances of your car being targeted
- Use car parks bearing the 'Park Mark' signs. These have been vetted by the Police on an annual basis for a number of factors, which

add up to the car park being one of the safest available

- Remove all valuables from sight and place them in the glove compartment or into the boot. Also consider not leaving them in the car but keeping them somewhere even safer
- Make sure all windows are full closed and be sure to set the car immobiliser and alarm if the vehicle has them
- If your car is of high value, it may even be worth considering having a tracking unit fitted

BEWARE OF SCAM 'WORKMEN'

Police Scotland has informed us of a small number of incidents recently where householders have engaged the services of 'workmen.'

These 'workmen' have been knocking on residents' doors after noticing work which apparently needed done on windows and roofs.

The householders, thinking they were doing the right thing, have engaged the workmen, paid a sum of cash up front, only for the work to be done badly, if at all.

If such a workman comes to your door, please remain polite but firm, thank them for their concern but decline their offer. View the 'problem' for yourself and if you think that work might need done, contact a reputable firm for a quote. Ideally, this firm should be trade regulated.

Bona fide companies will not ask for cash up-front nor take householders to the bank to withdraw cash; transactions are usually carried out by cheque or bank transfer. If you have any concerns about such a workman approaching you or a friend or relative, please report it to Police Scotland using the non-emergency number of 101 and consider also reporting it Aberdeen City Council's Trading Standards department on 01224 522000.

WHAT'S ON AT ABSAFE?

ABSAFE RELIVES THE 90S

Tomorrow (Friday 4 November) Absafe will be hosting a 90s night of fundraising Pittodrie stadium. We have more than 120 revellers joining us for 90s themed food, music and dancing, so make sure you like us on [Facebook](#) to see more updates from the evening. Find out how much we've raised in next week's Absafe Bulletin.



WE NEED YOU!

We need more volunteers to help us provide our award-winning safety education to the young people of The North-East. All we ask for is plenty of enthusiasm and we'll provide training to help you save young lives. Contact us today on Volunteers@absafe.org.uk to register your interest.

Noteworthy Incidents:

Police Scotland has provided the following list of incidents which have occurred in your area this week as a snapshot of the current crime trends. All incidents are not recorded below, either for legal reasons or where there are issues of sensitivity. The statistics below should not be seen as an accurate reflection of all crime in your area but as a way of raising your awareness to crime in general. This in turn should allow you to take the appropriate safety/security steps to prevent yourself from being a victim of crime.

NORTH				
TIME PERIOD	LOCATION	CRIME TYPE	INFORMATION	
BUCKSBURN				
24/10/16	25/10/16	Netherhills Avenue	HBWI	Attempted to force entry to shed with intent to steal
BRIDGE OF DON				
NORTHFIELD				
25/10/16	25/10/16	Danestone Circle	Theft	Sneaked into unsecure dwelling and stole from within
MASTRICK				
22/10/16	23/10/16	Clifton Road	Theft of vehicle	Stole motor cycle from location
22/10/16	22/10/16	Beech Road	Theft of vehicle	Stole motor van from location
17/10/16	25/10/16	Deveron Road	HBWI	Forced entry to garage with intent to steal
25/10/16	25/10/16	Deveron Road	Att HBWI	Attempted to force entry to garage with intent to steal
26/10/16	27/10/16	Morgan Road	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
TILLYDRONE				
21/10/16	21/10/16	Clifton Road	Attempted Theft	Attempted to steal ladders from motor vehicle
21/10/16	21/10/16	Kinnaird Place	Theft by HB	Entered location via unsecure window and stole from within
KITTYBREWSTER				
22/10/16	23/10/16	Berryden Road	OLPWI	Forced entry to vehicle with intent to steal
24/10/16	24/10/16	Hutcheon Street	Theft of vehicle	Stole unsecure vehicle from location
SEATON				
SOUTH				
CITY CENTRE				
22/10/16	22/10/16	Golden Square	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
NIGG				

TORRY				
22/10/16	22/10/16	Menzies Road	Theft by HB	Forced entry to dwelling and stole from within
HAZLEHEAD				
21/10/16	21/10/16	Rona Place	Theft of vehicle	Stole motor car from location
23/10/16	24/10/16	Rosewell Gardens	OLPWI	Forced entry to vehicle with intent to steal
25/10/16	25/10/16	Rousay Drive	Att Theft of a motor vehicle	Attempted to steal motor vehicle from location
ROSEMOUNT				
21/10/16	21/10/16	Richmond Walk	Theft of vehicle	Stole moped from location
WEST END				
20/10/16	21/10/16	Ferryhill Place	OLPWI	Gained entry to vehicle with intent to steal
20/10/16	21/10/16	Forest Road	Theft by OLP	Forced entry to vehicle and stole from within
20/10/16	21/10/16	Forest Road	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure car and stole from within
22/10/16	22/10/16	Great Western Road	In building with intent to steal	Entered property with intent to steal
21/10/16	23/10/16	Carnegie Crescent	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure motor car and stole from within
21/10/16	24/10/16	Balmoral Place	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
24/10/16	25/10/16	Devanha Terrace	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
25/10/16	26/10/16	Osborne Place	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure motor vehicle and stole from within

Key: HB - House Breaking

OLP - Open Lockfast Place

HBWI - House Breaking with Intent

OLPWI - Open Lockfast Place with Intent

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