



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

WORKING IN YOUR COMMUNITY



For over 40 years, Neighbourhood Watch has been encouraging safer and stronger communities. For many of us, this is reflected in our own instincts to be good neighbours and look out for each other.

As individuals or families we value living in a safe and secure home and this is greatly helped by living in safe and secure environments and communities. To this aim, Neighbourhood Watch links with the Police and other authorities, helping bring a strong emphasis on crime awareness and crime prevention, as well as encouraging reporting to the Police our suspicions or concerns.

You may have received our leaflet already.



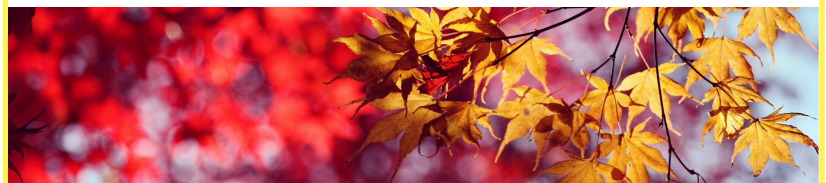
It has three simple messages:

1. Join Neighbourhood Watch at ourwatch.org.uk
By doing this you will receive the all-important local Police Alert messages.
2. Once signed-up please also join your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme using the postcode search.
3. If that scheme is not near you, please apply to start your own scheme. Once approved, the Milton Keynes Neighbourhood Watch Association can supply materials including street signs.



AUTUMN CRIME PREVENTION

As the nights are drawing in, there is less daylight and increasing opportunities for criminals. During the autumn and winter months burglaries tend to increase. Homes left unlit during dark afternoons signal to burglars a property is empty. Here are some tips to keep you safe.



- Think about smart bulbs or lights on timers to create occupancy.
- Install exterior lighting on a movement sensor, timer or dawn to dusk set-up. Remember to reset the timers when the clocks go back.
- Think about pruning back vegetation so as not to allow cover for thieves.
- Ensure doors and windows, and their frames are secure.
- Remember to lock doors and windows.
- Check your UPVC or Euro cylinder door lock to see if it is snap resistant. It should be marked with a three star Kite mark. locksmiths.co.uk/faq/lock-snapping
- Keep keys, valuables and money out of sight.
- Secure your wheelie bins to a fixed point so to prevent them being used by intruders as climbing aids.
- Mark expensive equipment with paint, permanent marker, an engraver or UV pen with your house number and postcode.
- Defrosting your car: stay with it! Car thieves look out for unattended cars. Your insurance is unlikely to pay-out if your car is stolen this way. If in a rush - use de-icing spray.
- If you are planning a holiday, ask neighbours to watch over your home and to ensure that post is pushed completely through the letterbox.
- Better still, set up a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme to build safer homes and communities!

To join Neighbourhood Watch, sign-up at the website ourwatch.org.uk and become a member. It's free. Whilst there, join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme local to you or start a scheme yourself. It's easy and an excellent way to bring your neighbours together to build a safer community.

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