

CRIME PREVENTION

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Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

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Crime Prevention advice for the holiday season



Christmas shopping?

So are thieves. Don't make it easy for someone to take it.

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Don't advertise your Christmas

Dispose of present packaging carefully, as they can show that you have expensive goods inside.

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Stay with your car this Christmas

Don't leave your car unattended while it defrosts.

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Online shopping securely

At this time of year online shopping can be convenient and save you time - but make sure you take steps to protect yourself. These three tips from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) will help you [shop online safely](#) this festive season.

Shop securely online:

- Research sellers, check they're legitimate
- Use a credit card or secure payment platform
- Only provide enough details to complete your purchase



Could your smart device be hacked?

Smart devices are electrical items that connect to the internet (or to your home network), usually via Wi-Fi. Unlike conventional electrical items, there is a risk that they can be hacked into.



Keep your device updated to help keep it secure.

When you first use the device, set up a new secure password, and use 2-step verification where possible.

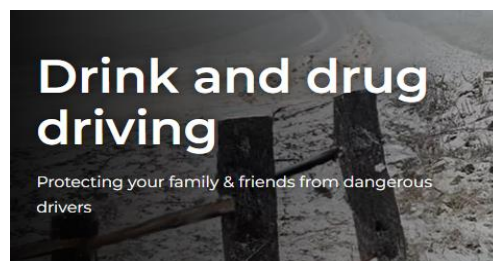
Avoid buying devices that are no longer supported by the manufacturer, as they will be easier to hack into.

[Smart devices: using them safely in your home - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

CrimeStoppers Drink and Drug Driving Campaign

Alcohol and drug drivers put other people's lives at risk. Your information could help prevent an accident from happening - it could even help save lives.

If you suspect someone is drink or drug driving regularly, whether that be a relative, friend or work colleague, you can tell CrimeStoppers what you know 100% anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or report online. For more information on the campaign and reporting visit: [Drink and drug driving | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)



Walk Away Campaign

Help your mates to walk away. That's the message of a new campaign being launched by forces around the UK to prevent deaths and serious injuries caused by a person being assaulted on a night out.

A single punch can result in death or serious injury.

The new campaign encourages self-control, support from friends and for men to walk away from heated situations before other people become violent. Visit the We Walk Away website for resources and tips to prevent violence on a night out: <https://wewalkaway.uk/>

Call blockers available to help stop scammers

The National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team has secured funding to provide free TrueCall blocking units to help protect people in receipt of scam and nuisance phone calls.

You can apply on behalf of someone else with their consent, or you can apply for yourself.

Visit Friends Against Scams for more information: [Friends Against Scams - Call blocker](#)



National Business Crime Centre Advent Calendar

From the 1st - 24th December the NBCC will be opening a door to reveal a daily gift of top tips, crime prevention guides and other resources available to businesses to help them combat business crime.



Follow the NBCC on LinkedIn for more information or visit their website:

<https://nbcc.police.uk/>



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