

HOW TO USE THIS LEAFLET

In the event that your vehicle has broken down and you are unable to resolve the problem on your own, please display the sign on the other side of this leaflet in the rear window of your vehicle. Remember to remain with the vehicle, or close by, and do not accept a lift or leave the area as the Police may have to search the area for you once they find your unattended vehicle.

This sign can also be used by elderly or vulnerable people to summon assistance in their own home by displaying it in their window.

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HELP

at home and on the road

THINK SAFE, BE SAFE



BOGUS CALLERS

NOT ALL THIEVES HAVE TO BREAK AND ENTER. Not surprisingly it is much easier for them to knock on your door and be invited in. Every year thousands of elderly and vulnerable people across the country fall victim to this callous crime.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

First of all, **DON'T WORRY!** There are many simple, common sense precautions you can take to reduce the risk of you falling victim to this type of crime.

- Check to see who it is. Use a spyhole or look through your front window.
- Always put the security chain on before you open the door.
- Do you have an external light outside your door? If not, consider getting one fitted.
- Is the caller wearing a uniform? Does it look genuine? Can you see any company logo on it?
- Ask to see their identity card and check it carefully. But keep the chain on while you do this.
- If you're still unsure, ask them to return later and contact their office.
- Some utility companies may operate a password system. Why not contact their local branch or shop to find out more?
- Bogus callers sometimes work in pairs. Beware of one of them distracting you, perhaps asking for a drink of water, while the other steals your property.
- Beware of anyone who says they are in a hurry. Don't be pressurised.
- If you have any suspicions at all, don't let them in! Contact the Police immediately and give them as much information as you can.

IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT!

CAR SECURITY

CAR CRIME CAN AFFECT US ALL but you can considerably reduce the chances of becoming a victim by adopting a few simple measures.

- Always close windows/sunroofs and lock doors
- Choose well lit areas to park, near pedestrian traffic if possible
- Install an anti-theft device and advertise it with a window sticker
- Display a sticker indicating your valuables are security marked
- Leave nothing in sight within your vehicle
- Do not leave vehicle documents or your driving licence in the car

HIDE IT, SHUT IT, LOCK IT

WARNING

All callers will be asked for identification, please have it ready
We do **NOT** buy or sell at this door

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As an additional deterrent against bogus callers you could consider displaying the above warning message in a window beside your front door.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US

IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS this is the kind of information which will be useful to the Police.

PERSON(S)

- male/female
- complexion
- height
- age
- hair colour
- eye colour
- spectacles
- type of face
- facial hair
- description of dress
- ethnicity
- build
- hair type
- accent
- tattoos/scars

VEHICLE(S)

- description of vehicle
- registration number
- number of occupants
- direction of travel

If you do see a crime being committed or see anything suspicious then if possible please make a note of any of the above details in the space below and then contact Grampian Police on **0845 600-5-700** or (in an emergency) **999**.

If you wish to remain anonymous and perhaps receive a reward for your information please call:



PERSON(S):

VEHICLE(S):

HELPER

CALL

POLICE

Display in car windscreen or house window