

Useful links

Trading Standards

Scams / Cold Calling

0845 603 5638

Quick Response Team

01962 833 666

www.hants.gov.uk/tradingstandards

Buy with Confidence

0845 603 5638

www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk

Hampshire Constabulary/ Neighbourhood Watch

0845 045 45 45

www.hantsnwa.org.uk

Crimestoppers takes information about crime on **0800 555 111** and on line at

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

protecting everyone with anonymity.

Just remember...

Hampshire is a safe county. Sometimes the media can give the impression that crime is a much greater problem than it is. Crime rates are falling but if you are at all concerned or see something suspicious then call the police.

General information

www.hants.gov.uk/bettertime

Sponsored by



Hampshire
POLICE AUTHORITY
for Hampshire & the Isle of Wight

Produced in partnership



Hampshire
County Council



Community Liaison And Care Committee

Being Safe

Keep me handy



Safe communities share information and look out for each other.

This leaflet provides handy tips on keeping safe and includes links to more information if you need it.

At home

Scams are dishonest attempts to gain money; they come in many forms. Always be suspicious of letters, phone calls or emails from unknown sources.

• If you haven't entered a competition or lottery, you haven't won

• If you have to pay to receive a prize it's a scam

• Don't respond to scam emails, letters or phone calls

• Don't feel too embarrassed to ask for help

Holidays If you are likely to be going away for a while don't advertise that fact to potential thieves. Make sure you:

• Cancel the milk and papers

• Put a light timer on for lights and radios to come on at different times

• Ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye on the house. You could also let the police know

At the front door

Be wary of people who turn up at the door offering to sell goods or services.

• THINK

Before you open the door think are you expecting anyone?

• CHAIN

BEFORE opening the door put on the door chain or door bar

• NEVER

Give out personal information at the door or on the phone

• Say No -

You do not have to let anyone into your home

To deter rogue traders and other unwanted visitors it's important to keep the front of your home and garden tidy.

If you think you've been a victim of doorstep crime, call the Trading Standards Quick Response Team or the police. For a list of approved traders request a Buy With Confidence booklet (see overleaf for details).

Out and about

• Lock your vehicle and remove any valuables

• Don't leave your

handbag open or wallet/purse

on show

• Always hide

your PIN when using a card

• If you're going out at night, wear bright or reflective

clothing

• Think about taking a mobile phone with you

