

# Winter Crime Reduction Newsletter



## Seasonal crime updates for the East Riding of Yorkshire

This is the first seasonal crime reduction newsletter, which will address seasonal trends in the Local Authority area that you live and provide some crime prevention advice relating to those offences.

As part of Humberside Polices on going crime prevention process, we utilise seasonal trend information that is put together using data from several of our systems.

This shows to a good degree of accuracy, which offences are likely to increase over the coming months and allows us to forward plan our response.

### Residential burglary



**No surprise that residential burglary is one of the offences that is high over the winter period, especially before and after Christmas.**

- Lock your doors and windows (Don't worry, Santa will still get in)
- If you have an alarm, use it.
- Close your curtains/blinds at night.
- Consider using light timers that come on at different times (remember Home Alone where the Wet Bandits knew when all the lights were coming on)
- Make sure gates have locks on them and they are used.
- Consider using CCTV, ideally a system that will alert you when someone is there.
- Consider using dusk to dawn lighting, a PIR system could also be used.
- Secure your vehicle keys, as burglars do break into houses to obtain keys for vehicles outside.
- Consider shed/garage alarms.
- Secure items that are within a shed/garage to make them more difficult to steal.
- Register and mark your property, create free accounts on [Immobilise.com](https://www.immobilise.com) or [Bike Register](https://www.bike-register.co.uk).



### Theft from motor vehicles

**With the darker nights now well established, this is another offence that increases over this period.**

- Most offenders are opportunist and will walk the streets looking into cars/trying car doors.
- Ensure you lock the vehicles doors, a double press on most remote keys, will double lock the vehicle, this means that the doors cannot be opened from the inside or outside.
- Ensure the vehicle internal alarm is not disabled, this is an option on many vehicles now.
- Leave nothing on show in the vehicle, vehicles are broken into for as little as a few coins.
- Park in well-lit areas and use accredited car parks if away from home.
- Don't leave tools and equipment in vans unless they are in a secure area.





## Domestic abuse

**An increased number of domestic abuse reports are received by Humberside Police during the Christmas period.**

- There is support in each area of the force, but we need to know about it, any report will be taken seriously.
- Signs to look for – unexplained injuries, not allowed to leave the house, damage to property, low self-esteem.
- If you have concerns in relation to anyone you know, report it on 101, or 999 if you believe there is an incident ongoing.
- Information in relation to domestic abuse can be found on the Humberside Police website – [www.humberside.police.uk/domestic\\_abuse](http://www.humberside.police.uk/domestic_abuse)

## Stay safe.

**If you are going out drinking in the pubs and clubs of the East Riding over this period, please consider the following safety tips whilst out and travelling home.**

### Going Out

- Ensure someone knows where you are going and with who.
- Never leave your drink unattended (consider possible drink spiking)
- Don't accept a drink from someone you don't know.
- If out with friends, look out for each other.
- If worried 'Ask for Angela', just approach a member of staff in the premise you are in.
- If you believe you or a friend have been 'spiked', don't drink anymore, inform staff who will keep you safe, try best to keep the drink and contact the Police.



### Getting Home

- Always ensure you have planned how to get home – book a taxi, arrange a lift.
- Ideally, don't walk home alone.
- Consider carrying a personal attack alarm if you do have to walk alone.
- If using a taxi, use a reputable firm, consider using a password (don't wave down passing cars)



Further information in relation to crime prevention can be found on the [Humberside Police Website](#) or on the [Secured by Design Website](#).

We will shortly be holding a crime prevention webinar that will cover these offences and others, the link will be sent on my community alert, so please sign up on <https://www.mycommunityalert.co.uk/> if you do not already have an account.

