



NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

D District
Police Service of Northern Ireland
(Antrim, Carrickfergus, Lisburn & Newtownabbey)

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Most callers to your home will be genuine, however there are some who may not be. These callers are 'Bogus Callers' or 'Distraction Burglars' who may want to trick their way into your home to steal from you. If you are in any doubt simply check your caller out with **QUICK CHECK** on Freephone 0800 013 22 90.

Easy Steps with QUICK CHECK

- Before you answer the door, make sure your back door is locked.
- If you have a door chain remember to use it before you open the door.
- Ask the caller for their identification and check it carefully.
- Ask them to wait outside and close the door - genuine callers will not mind.
- Ring Freephone 0800 013 22 90, your call will be answered personally and promptly by a trained operator. They will check with the company on your behalf, that the person at your door is genuine. If they are not or they think there is something suspicious, they will contact the police immediately.
- Do not let anyone into your home until you are satisfied as to who they are.

QUICK CHECK is a FREE telephone service, which is available 24 hours a day all year round to residents throughout Northern Ireland.

Remember if in doubt check your caller out with **QUICK CHECK** on 0800 013 22 90.

In an emergency dial 999.

Please peel sticker and attach to your telephone



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**YOU CAN HELP MAKE
YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
SAFER FOR EVERYONE!**

Young people and Alcohol

More information is available from your local neighbourhood officer. **GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL OFFICER**



1 in 10 young people who have drunk alcohol have ended up in trouble with the police

Alcohol can reduce your child's inhibitions and make them do things which are out of character.

They can get involved in anti-social/criminal behaviour such as fights, damaging property or causing annoyance within a community. This could lead to your child being involved with the police.

This type of behaviour could get your child a criminal record which can make it harder for them to get a job when they're older. It can also affect them if they are going abroad because some countries may refuse entry to people with a criminal record.

Alcohol can make your child more likely to be:

- A victim of a violent assault or other crimes
It has been found that the younger people are when they drink the more likely they are to be a victim of violence.

It can also make them more vulnerable to:

- Injuries from accidents, for example falls and road accidents;
- Using other drugs or solvents
- Unwanted sexual activity
- Unsafe sexual activity, which can lead to sexually transmitted infections (STI) or unplanned pregnancy;
- Problems at school, such as poorer school performance or truancy;
- Having difficulties in relationships with family or friends

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Blow the **WHISTLE**
...Report Abuse!

STOP DOMESTIC ABUSE
24 Hour Domestic Violence Helpline **0800 917 1414**

CHURCH WATCH

DON'T LET CRIMINALS WRECK CHURCHES
Sadly too many churches have become a target for criminals, stealing lead from roofs, stealing church property, smashing windows etc.

YOU CAN HELP
If you see anything unusual or anyone acting suspiciously around the church.

DO NOT DELAY - RING 0845 600 8000 in an emergency or a crime in progress ring **999**

You can help protect this part of your community

Personal, Professional, Protective Policing

Message from the
Community Safety Superintendent:
Michele Larmour

As the Police Service in D District we strive to become the finest police service in the world. We do so by continuing to grow and develop, working towards increasing the confidence residents can have in their police service.

Community expectations are high and we aim to meet and exceed them in an environment where officers and staff are faced with the daily threat of terrorist attack. Regrettably, at times this threat impacts upon the style and delivery of our service in some areas. This in turn can affect confidence in policing but we work hard not to allow the threat prevent us from working with and in our communities, to tackle crime and deal with the issues that really matter to you.

The majority of people in Northern Ireland want to live and work in a safe and peaceful environment. We want the same thing and with your help we will work tirelessly to deliver a personal policing service which is professionally responsive to your needs and that of local people.

Community Contact

Are you part of a residents group, church group, community group or any other group or association? **Do you have an email address for your group which we could send information to?**

Your local neighbourhood officers are keen to get involved to discuss and attempt to resolve issues in your local area.

SPEAK WITH THEM, IT'S GOOD TO TALK!

Police Non Emergency
0845 600 8000



ROADSAFE MESSAGE

ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

WATCH OUT FOR THAT CHILD!

Who'll be calling at your door this Halloween?

Know what your kids are up to.

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Have your say!!

The area in which you live has a dedicated Neighbourhood Police Officer who is part of a Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT).

If you have a policing concern speak with your local officer, their details are on the PSNI web site.

As a result of issues raised by members of the public at residents meetings, local Forum meetings, DPP meetings and directly with NPT's we target our officer's patrols and time to address specific problems.

Do not assume police know about a specific problem and that others will report matters. Take this step yourself and talk to your local team.

By talking to NPT's, together with other partner agencies and the community, we can tackle issues affecting the quality of life of your community.

CONSIDER STARTING A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN YOUR AREA. Your local NPT officer can assist with this.

Northern Ireland
CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111
Call anonymously with information about crime