

What can you do?

Screen potential applicants:

- Seek photo identification.
- Check it is not fake.
- Contact referees.
- Obtain contact telephone numbers.
- Visit the property two weeks after the applicant moves in to ensure the person renting it is living there. Sometimes criminals use a 'front couple' who disappear after the rental has been agreed.
- Check your property regularly.
- Seek payment through a standing order as opposed to cash.
- Speak with the neighbours who can contact you with their concerns.
- Report your concerns to the Police.

If you have any suspicions



and ask for your
local Police Station

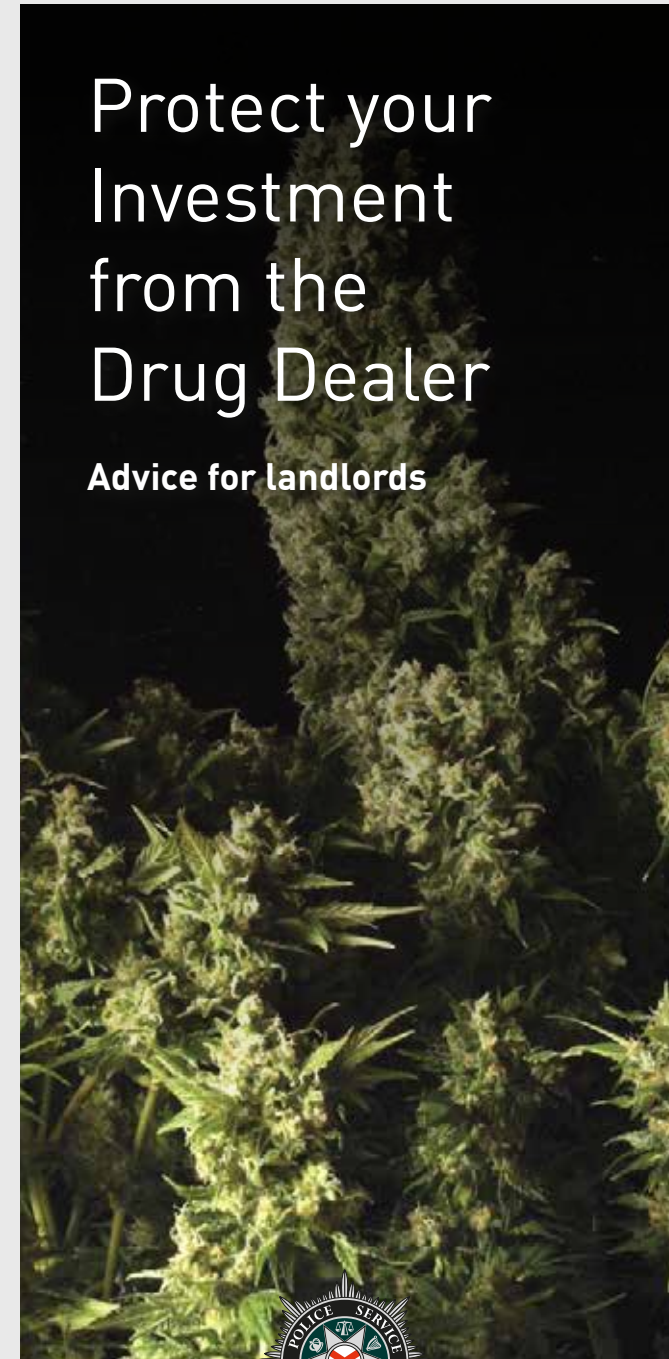
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Protect your Investment from the Drug Dealer

Advice for landlords



Help us to protect you

Criminals will do what they can to avoid being caught, so they try not to use their own houses to grow, store or even deal drugs from.

They can reduce the risk of getting caught by using your rental property instead.

The Police Service is concerned that organised crime gangs are doing just this.



A cannabis farm.

We want to work with you to protect your investment and in turn you can help us to make our communities safer.

The cost to you ...

- **Reduction in property value**
reputation of the neighbourhood suffers.
- **Loss of rent**
during eviction or repair periods.
- **Damage to property**
set up of equipment, neglect.
- **Increased insurance premiums**
- **Complaints from neighbours**
- **A criminal conviction**
allowing your property to be used to produce drugs is a crime.

“It cost me over £5,000 to fix the holes and redecorate and the insurance didn’t want to know”.

The experience of one property owner.



Property damage discovered at cannabis farm.



Waste products from a cannabis farm.

What to look for

- **Strong unpleasant or chemical odours**
- **Smell of air fresheners**
- **Door locks changed**
- **Electric Cabling**
- **Windows blacked out**
- **Infrequent occupation**
- **Condensation on windows or peeling paint**
- **Industrial tubing**
- **Bin bags full of vegetable waste**