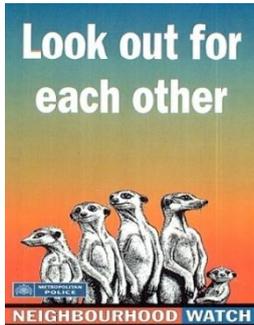


BNWA Newsletter



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Dear Residents

Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter. Since the clocks went back the evenings are getting darker earlier, which seems to make the days shorter. With this in mind, we would like to remind you all of some useful tips in advance of Christmas.

Christmas is a busy time for everyone - including criminals. Follow the Police advice below and don't give thieves a chance.



Top Tips for a Safe Christmas

1. Keep presents & valuables out of sight, away from windows and doors. Close your curtains when it gets dark so burglars can't see in.
2. Lock all windows and doors when you go out.
3. Make your home look occupied whilst you are out, leave some lights & a radio on or invest in timer switches, which can turn lights & radios on. Remember to turn off festive lights when unattended to avoid a fire.
4. When carrying bags make sure they are fastened securely – if you are a wheelchair user keep bags in front of you where you can see them.
5. Do not carry or withdraw large amounts of cash whilst shopping or socialising.
6. Do not flash your valuables – mobiles & purses – Keep them out of sight & secure in your bag or pocket.
7. When using public transport make that call or text before you leave the train station where it is well lit, staffed and safe, then put your mobile away.
8. Don't leave bags of presents or shopping on display in your car – always use the boot & make sure you take valuables including your car stereo, SATNAV & holder with you when leaving your car.

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9. Consider leaving your glove box open to show there is nothing in the car to break in for & always wipe away the circular ring left by the SATNAV suction pads.
10. Enjoy the festivities but be aware of your surroundings & plan how you will get home safely – arrange to travel home with friends & only use minicabs that are licensed. Text HOME to 60835.
11. When travelling don't take risks or short cuts, stick to well lit main routes & let someone know where you are going.

For further crime prevention advice, contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team or log on to www.met.police.uk/brent

If you need to report a crime call the Metropolitan Police Service on 101 or log on to www.online.met.police.uk

In an emergency always call 999

If you are deaf or have speech impairment you can use a textphone to call us. Dial 18000 in an emergency, or 18001 if your call is not an emergency.

Their operators have access to professional interpreters so they can quickly translate your call if you cannot, or have difficulty, speaking English.

Safer Neighbourhood Teams Numbers

Alperton – 0208 721 2964
Barnhill – 0208 721 2966
Brondesbury Park – 0208 721 2961
Dollis Hill – 0208 721 2963
Dudden Hill – 0208 721 2053
Fryent – 0208 721 2054
Harlesden – 0208 721 2051
Kensal Green – 0208 721 2055
Kenton – 0208 721 2970
Kilburn – 0208 721 2020
Mapesbury – 0208 721 2962
Northwick Park – 0208 721 2969
Preston – 0208 721 2968
Queens Park – 0208 721 2960
Queensbury – 0208 721 2971
Stonebridge – 0208 721 2060
Sudbury – 0208 721 2965
Tokyngton – 0207 161 8282
Welsh Harp – 020 8721 2967
Wembley Central – 0208 721 2019
Willesden Green – 0208 721 2052

Thank you to Brent Council for their support in providing funding to enable BNWA carry out their activities.

Finally, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all at Brent Neighbourhood Watch Association.

Tony Antoniou MBE, Chair & all the Committee