



Absafe Community Safety Bulletin

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STOP SCAMMERS IN THEIR TRACKS

A scam can be described as a fraudulent scheme, cheating, or a dishonest act especially for making a quick profit. Fraud is a crime in which some kind of deception is used for personal gain. As technology advances, fraudsters have become increasingly sophisticated and many types of fraud exist.

Fraudsters try to make contact through email, telephone calls, letters, and even in person and are trained in coming across as genuine. Please remember if an offer sounds too good to be true....it probably is. Unexpected lottery wins, large inheritance lump sums, and fines for an act you did not do are all standards scams; please be wary when you are offered any gain in exchange for money or personal information. Always seek professional advice before signing up for any type of investment scheme including land, wine & property.

Think Jessica, the national support charity for scams awareness says “Money sent to scams could end up being used to keep a criminal in a luxury lifestyle but international organised criminal gangs sometimes use the money they have gleaned to fund the drug trade, gun

crime, human trafficking and other crimes worldwide.

In 2008 a survey conducted by Help the Aged and Barclays revealed that seven out of ten older people in Britain - more than 6.6m people - are targeted by scams every month, either by telephone or letter.” (<http://www.thinkjessica.com/shocking-facts/>)

Sadly these scammers have no consideration with regards to who they target. A recent scam in the media involved WWII Veteran Cyril Banks, who was scammed out of his £9000 savings by crooks posing as Scotland Yard.

To protect yourself from becoming their next target you should ensure you:

- Have adequate anti-virus protection on your computer and keep software up to date.
- Ensure you know what a link is for before clicking on it, especially links in unsolicited emails.

- Keep login details private. No legitimate organisation will ask you for this information.
- Make sure your email address doesn't include where you live or your date of birth. Scammers can then use this information to set up accounts or convince you that they are genuine.
- Shred all personal or financial information before you put them into the rubbish.
- Be wary of cold calls, if in doubt, just hang up and never give out personal or financial information if you are unsure who you are dealing with.
- Report all fraud to Police Scotland on 101. There's no need to feel embarrassed. Report it as soon as it happens. Police Scotland have trained officers who deal with this regularly and can take you through the process step by step.

THIS WEEK AT ABSAFE

Dirty Dancing Movie Night:

On Friday 8th July Absafe held our first movie night at The Garage nightclub. It was a roaring success with over 70 party goers participating in cocktail making, popcorn eating, film watching and some fabulous singing and dancing!



Many thanks to all who joined in the fun and bought raffle tickets. Our next Movie night will be

showing Magic Mike on Friday 5th August at The Garage nightclub.

For tickets contact Victoria@absafe.org.uk

Noteworthy Incidents:

Police Scotland has provided the following list of incidents which have occurred in your area this week as a snapshot of the current crime trends. All incidents are not recorded below, either for legal reasons or where there are issues of sensitivity. The statistics below should not be seen as an accurate reflection of all crime in your area but as a way of raising your awareness to crime in general. This in turn should allow you to take the appropriate safety/security steps to prevent yourself from being a victim of crime.

NORTH				
TIME PERIOD	LOCATION	CRIME TYPE	INFORMATION	
BUCKSBURN				
03/07/16	03/07/16	Concraig Park, Kingswells	Theft by HB	Forced entry to dwelling, stole car keys then stole car from outside
BRIDGE OF DON				
01/07/16	01/07/16	Braefoot Cottage	Att HBWI	Attempted to force entry to garage with intent to steal
01/07/16	01/07/16	Grandholm Way	Att HBWI	Attempted to force entry to shed with intent to steal
01/07/16	01/07/16	Grandholm Way	Att HBWI	Attempted to force entry to garage with intent to steal
01/07/16	01/07/16	Cameron Terrace	Theft of vehicle	Stole motor car from location and drove away
NORTHFIELD				
02/07/16	02/07/16	Smithfield Drive	Theft by HB	Forced entry to shed and stole from within
02/07/16	02/07/16	Newton Road	Att HBWI	Attempted to force entry to storage unit with intent to steal
06/07/16	07/07/16	Manor Avenue	Att HBWI	Attempted to force entry to dwelling with intent to steal
MASTRICK				
01/07/16	02/07/16	Clifton Road	Theft by HB	Forced entry to shed and stole from within
04/07/16	05/07/16	Mastrick Drive	OLPWI	Forced entry to vehicle with intent to steal
TILLYDRONE				
01/07/16	01/07/16	Pennan Road	Theft by OLP	Forced entry to vehicle and stole from within
01/07/16	01/07/16	Pennan Road	Theft	Sneaked into unsecure dwelling and stole from within
KITTYBREWSTER				
02/07/16	02/07/16	Berryden Road	Att HBWI	Attempted to force entry to shop with intent to steal

SEATON				
SOUTH				
CITY CENTRE				
NIGG				
30/06/16	01/07/16	Ruthrie Terrace	Att HBWI	Attempted to force entry to shed with intent to steal
23/06/16	02/07/16	Kaimhill Road	Theft by HB	Forced entry to dwelling and stole from within
TORRY				
30/06/16	01/07/16	St Fitticks Road	HBWI	Forced entry to premises with intent to steal
HAZLEHEAD				
02/07/16	03/07/16	Royfold Crescent	Att HBWI	Forced entry to garage and stole from within
01/07/16	02/07/16	Shapinsay Road	Theft from a motor vehicle	Steal registration plates from motor scooter
ROSEMOUNT				
02/07/16	02/07/16	Rosemount Viaduct	Att Theft of a motor vehicle	Attempted to steal motor scooter from location
WEST END				
30/06/16	01/07/16	Ferryhill Place	Theft from a motor vehicle	Gained entry to unsecure vehicle and stole from within
30/06/16	01/07/16	Albury Place	Theft by OLP	Forced entry to vehicle and stole from within
02/07/16	04/07/16	Annfield Terrace	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within

Key: HB - House Breaking

OLP - Open Lockfast Place

HBWI - House Breaking with Intent

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