



Absafe Community Safety Bulletin

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DRIVE BRIGHT

As summertime comes to an end, our North East weather will soon take hold and change for the worse. This week has seen some thick fog which caused some travel disruptions and has reminded us all at Absafe that it's so important to be bright and be seen in these murky conditions.

The AA has produced some information that might help you drive safely through the mist and fog.

USE HEADLIGHTS

According to the Highway Code, you must use headlights when visibility is seriously reduced - generally when you cannot see for more than 100 metres (328 feet) or the length of a football pitch. There's no obligation to use fog lights but if your car is involved in an accident in reduced visibility and its fog lights weren't on, then it may be queried by an insurer.



REMEMBER FOG LIGHTS

If you do use fog lights they must be switched off when visibility improves. This applies equally to front and rear fog lights. When there's fog around, visibility can seriously deteriorate in a matter of seconds. Be extra vigilant, drive only as fast as conditions allow, and maintain a greater distance between you and the car in front.

Use common sense when it comes to fog lights. Some drivers are worried about dazzling other motorists, and some simply don't know how to turn them on. Generally it's better to be safe than sorry, so use them when appropriate. Don't keep switching them on and off, though - this can be a distraction, so wait for a consistent improvement in

visibility before switching them off - front and back.

AUTOMATIC LIGHTS

Turn on your lights, and make sure you don't depend on them coming on automatically. In fog the ambient light level can be high enough to stop automated lights coming on even though your vision and your vehicle's visibility may be reduced to dangerous levels.

According to the AA-Populus Motoring Panel (October 2015) almost one in ten drivers have automatic lights and rely on them entirely. In other words, when it's foggy every tenth car on the road could be virtually invisible.

TOP TIPS AT A GLANCE

- Use dipped headlights at all times along with wipers and demisters.
- Familiarise yourself with your front and rear fog lights - know how to switch them on and off - and use them when appropriate.
- Don't rely on automatic lights - they may not come on in fog.
- Beware of other drivers not using headlights.
- Don't rely on Daytime Running Lights alone - they only light the front.
- Only drive as fast as conditions allow and maintain a greater distance between you and the car in front. Follow a three-second rule.
- Tailing someone's rear lights can give a false sense of security and is dangerous.
- If the road has street lights on, then you probably don't need your fog lights on.
- Be able to stop within the distance you can see clearly - this is particularly important on motorways and dual carriageways, as vehicles are travelling faster.
- Don't accelerate to get away from a vehicle that is too close behind you.
- Check your mirrors before you slow down.
- At a junction with limited visibility, stop, wind down the window, and listen for traffic.
- When you are sure it is safe to emerge, do so positively and do not hesitate in a

position that puts you directly in the path of approaching vehicles.

- Rather than just taking your foot off the accelerator, use your brakes to slow down so that cars behind can see a brake light.



WHAT'S ON AT ABSAFE?

CSI: TECHFEST

We've had a busy week here at Absafe, with visits to the Fire Station, our team at networking events and a full calendar of school visits.

We also hosted a special Techfest event, where our 29 participants worked as teams of detectives to uncover the details of a major road traffic collision. Highlighting the impact of mobile use whilst driving, the event echoes national headlines this week that deadly phone use whilst driving is on the rise.

If you'd like us to deliver our innovative CSI events at your workplace, contact laura@absafe.org.uk for more information.

ABSAFE TAKES TO THE SKIES

This weekend, our Office Manager Jacq and Fundraising Manager Victoria will be taking part in a skydive - all in the name of charity. Our brave team will be travelling to Strathallan on Sunday to complete their jump from 10,000 feet - sponsor Jacq and Victoria by clicking [here](#).

TEA FOR TWO (OR THREE OR FOUR...)

Make a date at our Superheroes & Princesses Tea Party held at the Mercure Caledonian on Sunday 25 September. Treat your mini Spiderman or Cinderella to an Afternoon Tea, with cakes, sandwiches and scones, as well as a meet and greet session with their favourite

superhero or princess. Tickets cost £14.00 for adults, and £8.50 for children and must be purchased before the event. Contact our Fundraising Manager Victoria today for more information 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				
04/09/16	04/09/16	Migvie Grove, Kingswells	Theft	Entered dwelling through unsecure door and stole from within
04/09/16	04/09/16	Migvie Grove, Kingswells	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
BRIDGE OF DON				
NORTHFIELD				
03/09/16	03/09/16	Bonnyview Place	Theft by HB	Forced entry to dwelling and stole from within
03/09/16	03/09/16	Howes Drive	Theft of vehicle	Entered unsecure dwelling and stole car keys, then stole said car
MASTRICK				
03/09/16	04/09/16	Middlefield Place	HBWI	Forced entry to shed with intent to steal
31/08/16	02/09/16	Ashgrove Road West	Theft by HB	Forced entry to garage and stole from within
TILLYDRONE				
KITTYBREWSTER				
SEATON				
SOUTH				

CITY CENTRE				
NIGG				
19/08/16	04/09/16	Craigievar Terrace	Theft by HB	Forced entry to shed and stole from within
TORRY				
HAZLEHEAD				
ROSEMOUNT				
30/08/16	03/09/16	Richmond Terrace	Theft by HB	Forced entry to shed and stole from within
WEST END				
02/09/16	02/09/16	Broomhill Road	Theft by HB	Forced entry to dwelling and stole from within
03/09/16	03/09/16	Pitstruan Place	Theft of vehicle	Stole unattended vehicle from location
03/09/16	03/09/16	Salisbury Terrace	Theft by HB	Forced entry to garage and stole from within

Key: HB - House Breaking

OLP - Open Lockfast Place

OLPWI - Open Lockfast Place with Intent

HBWI - House Breaking with Intent

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