



Absafe Community Safety Bulletin

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TEXTING AT THE WHEEL

Headlines about texting at the wheel have been all over the media recently - with one daily newspaper creating its own campaign highlighting the potential dangers of phone use while driving.

Here at Absafe, we're passionate about road safety and we want to remind our readers of the impending law change set to come into force next year.



Penalties for texting while driving in the UK are set to double in January 2017. Drivers will get six points on their license and a £200 fine if caught using their phone behind the wheel.

Think about the consequences:

[#ItCanWait](#)

Currently, offending drivers will receive a £100 fine and three points on their licenses. The new rules will apply to England, Scotland and Wales. In Northern Ireland, drivers get only three points and a £60 fine for similar offenses.

Across the pond in the US, penalties for texting while driving differ by state, but a total of 46 states have an outright ban on texting while driving.

The Department of Transport's road safety campaign **Think!** has some advice for drivers thinking about using their phone while in control of a vehicle.

- **Even if you're using a hands-free phone you should avoid making or answering calls when driving**
All phone calls distract drivers' attention from the road.
- **Park safely before using your mobile phone**
Do not park on the hard shoulder of the motorway.
- **Don't call other people when they're driving**
If you call someone and they tell you they are driving, ask them to call you back when they have parked up safely.

WHAT'S ON AT ABSAFE?

NORTHERN STAR BUSINESS AWARDS SUCCESS

Absafe has raised almost £1000 thanks to the kind donations of those present at the Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce's Northern Star Business Awards.

As one of the charity beneficiaries of the black-tie event, the Absafe team raised funds by networking with guests to spread the word about what we do.

Hosted by BBC Breakfast's Louise Minchin, the event recognised the region's success and contributions to the business community.

SUPERHEROES AND PRINCESSES TEA PARTY

Last weekend, Absafe hosted a special tea party for our mini fundraisers. Belle and Captain America entertained more than 60 people at the Mercure Caledonian hotel with plenty of cakes, games and goodies on offer for our guests.

RELIVE THE 90S WITH ABSAFE

Who likes to party like its 1999? Join Absafe for an evening of nostalgia at our 90s Night at Pittodrie Stadium on November 4. Dance the night away to your favourite 90s tracks, tuck into your favourite 90s themed treats, all while raising funds for charity. We'll even provide transport back into the city centre so you can continue the party!

So get on your best set of Adidas poppers, roll up those Sweater Shop sleeves and purchase your tickets by contacting victoria@absafe.org.uk . Tickets cost £25.



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				
BRIDGE OF DON				
NORTHFIELD				
MASTRICK				
15/09/16	16/09/16	Cattofield Place	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
17/09/16	18/09/16	Laburnum Walk	Theft from a motor vehicle	Stole number plates from vehicle
TILLYDRONE				
KITTYBREWSTER				
19/09/16	19/09/16	Elmfield Avenue	Attempted Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure motor vehicle with intent to steal
16/09/16	17/09/16	Maberly Street	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
16/09/16	17/09/16	Holland Street	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered yard and stole number plates from vehicle
SEATON				
16/09/16	17/09/16	Urquhart Terrace	Theft by OLP	Forced entry to vehicle and stole from within
SOUTH				
CITY CENTRE				
16/09/16	19/09/16	Crown Street	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
NIGG				
18/09/16	18/09/16	Slessor Road	Theft by HB	Force entry to garage and steal from within
TORRY				

HAZLEHEAD				
17/09/16	18/09/16	Hazlehead Park	OLPWI	Forced entry to vehicle with intent to steal
16/09/16	19/09/16	Gairsay Road	Theft from a motor vehicle	Stole wing mirrors from motor cycle
20/09/16	20/09/16	Summerhill Road	Theft of vehicle & contents	Entered unsecure garage and stole motor cycle
ROSEMOUNT				
14/09/16	18/09/16	Argyll Place	HBWI	Forced entry to garage with intent to steal from within
17/09/16	17/09/16	Richmond Terrace	Att Theft of a motor vehicle	Attempted to steal motor cycle from location
16/09/16	17/09/16	Richmond Walk	Theft of vehicle	Stole motor cycle from location
17/09/16	17/09/16	Kintore Place	Theft by HB	Forced entry to dwelling and stole from within
WEST END				
16/09/16	16/09/16	Dee Village, Millburn Street	Att Theft of a motor vehicle	Attempted to steal motor cycle from location
15/09/16	16/09/16	Portland Street	Theft from a motor vehicle not elsewhere classified	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
19/09/16	20/09/16	Holburn Street	Theft of vehicle	Stole motor vehicle from location

Key: HB - House Breaking

OLP - Open Lockfast Place

HBWI - House Breaking with Intent

OLPWI - Open Lockfast Place with Intent

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