



# Absafe Community Safety Bulletin

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### NATIONAL CANDLE SAFETY WEEK

As Autumn rolls in, here at Absafe we like nothing more than a keeping ourselves cosy in front of the fire with some atmospheric and sweet smelling candles.

Next week marks National Candle Safety Week, and the Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) has provided some useful information in candle care to ensure you stay safe at home.

- Make sure candles are secured in a proper holder, on a stable surface, and away from materials that may catch fire, such as curtains.
  - Children and pets should never be left alone with lit candles.
  - Don't leave a lit candle unattended. Put candles out whenever you leave the room, and make sure they're put out completely at night.
  - Keep the wax pool clear of wick trimmings, matches and debris at all times.
  - Burn candles in a well-ventilated room, but avoid draughts, vents or air currents. This will help prevent rapid or uneven burning, sooting and excessive dripping.
  - Trim the wick to ¼ inch each time before burning. Long or crooked wicks can cause uneven burning, dripping or flaring.
- Avoid moving candles once they are lit.
  - Follow the manufacturer's recommendations on burn time and proper use.
  - Always put scented candles in a heat resistant holder, as these candles are designed to liquify when heated, to maximise fragrance.
  - Do not burn several candles close together as this might cause the flame to flare.
  - Use a snuffer or a spoon to put out candles. It's safer than blowing them out which may cause sparks.
  - Even with these precautions it's vital to be prepared should the worst happen. A working smoke alarm can give you the vital time you need to get out, stay out, and call 999. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe by testing your alarm regularly and by planning and practising an escape route.



## BEWARE OF NEW ITUNES SCAM

Police Scotland has received a number of complaints relating to a scam involving iTunes vouchers.

Scammers are contacting victims, usually elderly or vulnerable people, by telephone asking them to make payments over the phone.

In these most recent cases, scammers are demanding payment for Inland Revenue fees. Police Scotland advises that the scam follows a certain formula. The victim receives a call to make a payment to clear the debt by purchasing iTunes Gift Cards from the nearest retailer.

After the cards have been purchased, the victim is asked to pay the alleged outstanding debt by sharing the 16-digit code on the back of the card with the caller over the phone.

Constable Jim Watson said: "The Inland Revenue would never require any payment by means of iTunes or any other gift cards. If you receive a call making such demands then

please hang up and contact the Police.

"It's important to know that iTunes Gift Cards can ONLY be used to purchase goods and services on the iTunes Store, App Store, iBooks Store, or for an Apple Music membership. If you're contacted by telephone and approached to use the cards for payment out with the iTunes Store, App Store, iBooks Store, or Apple Music, you are very likely the target of a scam and should immediately report it to your local police.

"Please do not ever provide the numbers on the back of the card to someone you do not know. Once those numbers are provided to the scammers, the funds on the card will likely be spent before you are able to contact Apple and cancel the cards."

For more advice on Keeping Safe and avoiding scammers please visit [www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe)

## WHAT'S ON AT ABSAFE?

### ABSAFE SHORTLISTED FOR LOCAL ACCOLADE

We're delighted to announce that we have been shortlisted as a finalist in the Original 106 Pride of Aberdeen awards. We're in the Health and Safety category, and would love to win the award as a thank you to the entire community. Click [here](#) to cast your vote.

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We need more volunteers to help us provide our award-winning safety education to the young people of The North-East. All we ask for is plenty of enthusiasm and we'll provide training to help you save young lives. Contact us today on [Volunteers@absafe.org.uk](mailto:Volunteers@absafe.org.uk) to register your interest.

## RELIVE THE 90S WITH ABSAFE

Dust down your Spice Girls' platforms and dodgy boyband outfits for our fundraising 90s party night at Pittodrie. Dance the night away to your favourite 90s tracks, tuck into 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. Tickets cost £25, and must be purchased before the event. Contact Victoria at [Victoria@absafe.org.uk](mailto:Victoria@absafe.org.uk) to secure your place at the cheesiest party in town.

**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.

<b>NORTH</b>				
<b>TIME PERIOD</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CRIME TYPE</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>	
<b>BUCKSBURN</b>				
16/09/16	30/09/16	Inverurie Road, Bucksburn, Aberdeen	Theft from a motor vehicle	Steal front bumper and wheel arches from parked vehicle
05/10/16	05/10/16	Middle Brae, Bucksburn, Aberdeen	HBWI	Force entry to garage with intent to steal
05/10/16	06/10/16	Kinellar, Aberdeenshire	HBWI	Force entry to garage with intent to steal
<b>BRIDGE OF DON</b>				
<b>NORTHFIELD</b>				
01/10/16	02/10/16	Byron Crescent, Aberdeen	Theft by OLP	Force entry to vehicle and steal from within
01/10/16	02/10/16	Longlands Place, Aberdeen	Theft by OLP	Force entry to vehicle and steal from within
<b>MASTRICK</b>				
29/09/16	30/09/16	Clifton Road, Aberdeen	HBWI	Force entry to shed with intent to steal
30/09/16	02/10/16	Clifton Place, Aberdeen	Theft	Enter insecure vehicle and steal from within
06/10/16	06/10/16	Beechwood Avenue, Aberdeen	Theft by HB	Gain entry to dwelling and steal from within
<b>TILLYDRONE</b>				
01/10/16	01/10/16	Tillydrone Road, Aberdeen	Theft	Enter insecure car and steal from within
04/10/16	05/10/16	Papermill Gardens, Aberdeen	Attempted OLPWI	Attempt to force entry to vehicle with intent to steal
<b>KITTYBREWSTER</b>				
04/10/16	05/10/16	Hermitage Avenue, Aberdeen	Theft from a motor vehicle	Enter insecure vehicle and steal from within
<b>SEATON</b>				
30/09/16	30/09/16	King Street, Aberdeen	Theft	Enter insecure dwelling and steal from within

<b>SOUTH</b>				
<b>CITY CENTRE</b>				
01/10/16	01/10/16	Little Belmont Street, Aberdeen	Theft by HB	Force entry to premises and steal from within
30/09/16	30/09/16	North Silver Street, Aberdeen	HBWI	Force entry to premises and steal from within
<b>NIGG</b>				
<b>TORRY</b>				
26/09/16	30/09/16	Victoria Road, Aberdeen	HBWI	Force entry to dwelling with intent to steal
01/10/16	02/10/16	Walker Road, Aberdeen	Theft of vehicle	Steal motor cycle from locus
05/10/16	06/10/16	Farquhar Road, Aberdeen	Theft	Steal wing mirrors from unattended motor vehicle
<b>HAZLEHEAD</b>				
30/09/16	30/09/16	Queens Road, Aberdeen	Theft by HB	Force entry to dwelling and steal from within
<b>ROSEMOUNT</b>				
<b>WEST END</b>				
29/09/16	30/09/16	Devanha Terrace, Aberdeen	Theft by HB	Force entry to shed and steal from within
29/09/16	30/09/16	Devanha Terrace, Aberdeen	HBWI	Force entry to shed with intent to steal from within
29/09/16	30/09/16	Prospect Terrace, Aberdeen	HBWI	Force entry to shed with intent to steal from within
28/09/16	30/09/16	Devanha Terrace, Aberdeen	Theft by HB	Force entry to shed and steal from within
01/10/16	02/10/16	Morningside Road, Aberdeen	Att HBWI	Attempt to gain entry to dwelling with intent to steal

**Key:** HB - House Breaking

OLP - Open Lockfast Place

HBWI - House Breaking with Intent

OLPWI - Open Lockfast Place with Intent

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