



# Absafe Community Safety Bulletin

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### KEEPING YOUR HOME SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS

As we enter December this weekend, many homeowners will be transforming their households into winter wonderlands. But before you take the decorations down from the attic, make sure your favourite Christmas lights, tree and other festive items won't be taking away your festive cheer. Here at Absafe we want you all to have a very, Merry and safe Christmas - so take a look at our handy hints and tips to ensure your holiday season goes without a glitch.

### TWINKLE TWINKLE FAIRY LIGHTS

- Check the fuses are the right type. If you still have it, check the box for the maximum size of fuse you should use
- If bulbs blow, ensure you replace them
- Make sure fairy lights are turned off when you go out or when you go to sleep
- Don't let the bulbs touch anything that can burn easily, like paper
- Make sure plug sockets aren't overloaded

### DAPPER DECEMBER DECORATIONS

- Decorations made of light tissue paper or cardboard burn easily. Ensure they aren't attached to lights or heaters
- Ensure decorations aren't hung around the fireplace or immediately above it
- Keep any decorations away from candles

### OH CHRISTMAS TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk to make sure it takes up the water.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree

### CHOOSING YOUR TREE

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

### CARING FOR YOUR TREE

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

### DISPOSING OF YOUR TREE

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling centre or having it taken away by a council pickup service.



### WHAT'S ON AT ABSAFE?

#### THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Last weekend our Office Manager Jacqueline and Fundraising Manager Victoria made the leap and completed a skydive, all for the Absafe cause. Our brave pair travelled to the airfield at Strathallan last weekend to take part in the 10,000 feet jump, with both ladies enjoying the experience. We're still confirming final totals, stay tuned to next week's bulletin for how much Jacqueline and Victoria raised.



## VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Our superstar interns Liam and Mez spent the day at The Robert Gordon University this Tuesday on a special mission - to recruit even more fantastic volunteers to help deliver our safety education sessions. Fancy lending a hand? Contact us today to find out how you can help young people make safe decisions at home, school and before they reach the workplace. Email [volunteers@absafe.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@absafe.org.uk) for more information.



## GET CRAFTY

Our friends at Busy Beasties are hosting a kids' craft fair on Sunday 4th December at the Caledonian Hotel. Held right in the heart of the Aberdeen Christmas markets, be sure to pop down to meet Angus the Bull and other special guests. There will be free crafts for children as well as face paints, glitter tattoos, and stalls from local traders. Busy Beasties will be fundraising for Absafe on the day, so make sure you support your favourite local charity by attending this fantastic craft fair. Entry is £2 for adults and kids go free.

**Noteworthy Property Incidents (Homes, Gardens & Vehicles):**

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>				
19/11/16	19/11/16	Auchmill Road	OLPWI	Forced entry to vehicle with intent to steal
20/11/16	21/11/16	Cloverfield Gardens	Theft by HB	Forced entry to garage and stole from within
<b>BRIDGE OF DON</b>				
19/11/16	20/11/16	Grandholm Drive, Grandholm	HBWI	Forced entry to premises with intent to stole
<b>NORTHFIELD</b>				
20/11/16	21/11/16	Waulkmill Road	Theft by HB	Gained entry to house and stole from within
<b>MASTRICK</b>				
17/11/16	18/11/16	Rosehill Avenue	HBWI	Forced entry to sheds with intent to steal
19/11/16	20/11/16	North Anderson Drive	HBWI	Forced entry to sheds with intent to steal
<b>TILLYDRONE</b>				
18/11/16	19/11/16	Mill Court, Woodside	Theft by OLP	Forced entry to vehicle and stole from within
18/11/16	19/11/16	Great Northern Road	Attempted OLPWI	Attempted to force entry to vehicle with intent to steal
<b>KITTYBREWSTER</b>				
17/11/16	18/11/16	Gillespie Crescent	Theft by OLP	Forced entry to vehicle and stole from within
17/11/16	18/11/16	Gillespie Crescent	OLPWI	Forced entry to vehicle with intent to steal
19/11/16	20/11/16	Gallowgate	Theft by HB	Forced entry to bike shed and stole from within
21/11/16	21/11/16	Charlotte Gardens	Theft of vehicle	Stole motorcycle from location
<b>SEATON</b>				

<b>SOUTH</b>				
<b>CITY CENTRE</b>				
<b>NIGG</b>				
<b>TORRY</b>				
22/11/16	22/11/16	Sinclair Road	Theft by HB	Forced entry to premises and stole from within
22/11/16	22/11/16	Victoria Road	HBWI	Gained entry to premises with intent to steal
<b>HAZLEHEAD</b>				
19/11/16	19/11/16	West Auchlea, Kingswells	Theft by HB	Forced entry to dwelling and stole from within
17/11/16	19/11/16	Royfold Crescent	Att HBWI	Attempted to force entry to garage with intent to steal
21/11/16	22/11/16	Colthill Road, Milltimber	Theft	Entered unsecure motor car and stole from within
<b>ROSEMOUNT</b>				
17/11/16	20/11/16	Argyll Place	Theft by HB	Forced entry to shed and stole from within
19/11/16	19/11/16	Hamilton Lane	Theft by HB	Forced entry to dwelling and stole from within
<b>WEST END</b>				
18/11/16	18/11/16	Braeside Place	Theft	Entered dwelling via unsecure door, steal car keys from within then stole motor car from outside
18/11/16	18/11/16	Countesswells Terrace	Theft	Entered dwelling via unsecure door and stole from within
13/11/16	18/11/16	Cranford Terrace	Theft by OLP	Forced entry to vehicle and stole from within
13/11/16	18/11/16	Cranford Terrace	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
17/11/16	18/11/16	Forest Road	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure motor vehicle and stole from within
17/11/16	18/11/16	Beaconsfield Place	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure car and stole from within
22/11/16	23/11/16	Devanha Gardens West	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle 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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