



# Absafe Community Safety Bulletin

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### JUST WHO IS SOPHIE THE GIRAFFE?

The Sophie the Giraffe toy has hit the headlines during the last seven days, with reports of mould appearing inside the chew toy.

First launched in 1961, Sophie the Giraffe is a squeaky toy made from 100% natural rubber. Young children enjoy chewing on it, especially when they are teething.

The toy has been recommended by paediatricians and dentists alike, with tens of millions sold across the world. This week, parents in the US reported finding mould in the toy.

The chew toy has a hole that lets in air and moisture, and which makes the toy squeezable. Any liquid inside the toy could be the saliva of a child chewing the giraffe, or the result of parents cleaning it.

Mould needs two things to grow - water and warmth - and so over time, mould can grow inside the toy.

Sophie the Giraffe is made by French firm Vuilli. It said it had not been sent the recent mouldy toys for inspection, and indicated any complaints were taken seriously and that children's safety, along with parental satisfaction, were its main priorities.

It also said there were clear instructions on how to clean the toy correctly - including wiping with a damp cloth rather than immersing it in water and not putting it in the microwave or steam steriliser.

If you're worried about potential mould within your child's Sophie the Giraffe toy, contact the manufacturer for further information.



## DON'T GET COMPLACENT ABOUT WINTER ROAD SAFETY

This winter, our weather has been unpredictable. The recent cold snap brought blizzards and black ice, yet the mild spell we're currently enjoying brings its own dangers, especially with low winter sun hindering vision while out on the road.

Our friends at Police Scotland have provided some winter road safety tips, and can be found at the link here

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/road-safety/winter-road-safety>

## VOLUNTEER WITH AN AWARD-WINNING CHARITY

We need new volunteers to help us continue to provide our safety education sessions. Perhaps you're in between jobs, have been made redundant or simply have some time to spare - we want to hear from you. If you can offer your experience and good humour, contact us today! Drop us an email on [volunteers@absafe.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@absafe.org.uk) for more information.

### 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>				
03/01/17	06/01/17	Bankhead Avenue	Att HB w.i. to enter and steal	Attempted to force entry into a garage with the intent of stealing from within
06/01/17	07/01/17	Sunnybrae	Theft by HB (domestic property - non dwelling)	Forced entry to garage and steal from within
<b>BRIDGE OF DON</b>				
05/01/17	06/01/17	Broadfold Road	Theft from a motor vehicle	Steal items from unattended vehicle
<b>NORTHFIELD</b>				
06/01/17	06/01/17	Smithfield Drive	Theft by OLP from a motor vehicle	Break into motor vehicle and steal from within
07/01/17	07/01/17	Cummings Park Crescent	Theft of vehicle	Steal vehicle

<b>MASTRICK</b>				
05/01/17	06/01/17	Middlefield Terrace	Theft by OLP from a motor vehicle	Break into motor vehicle and steal from within
06/01/17	06/01/17	Anderson Road	HB w.i. to steal (domestic property - non dwelling)	Attempted to force entry to shed with intent to steal from within
06/01/17	07/01/17	Hilton Drive	Theft from a motor vehicle	Steal from within a motor vehicle
08/01/17	09/01/17	Hilton Drive	Theft from a motor vehicle	Enter unsecure van and stole from within
09/01/17	10/01/17	Anderson Avenue	Attempted OLP w.i. to steal from a motor vehicle	Attempted to force entry to car with intention of stealing from within
<b>TILLYDRONE</b>				
<b>KITTYBREWSTER</b>				
<b>SEATON</b>				
<b>SOUTH</b>				
<b>CITY CENTRE</b>				
08/01/17	08/01/17	Schoolhill	Theft by HB	Overcome security of building and steal from within
<b>NIGG</b>				
06/01/17	06/01/17	Whitehills Lane South, Cove	Theft of vehicle	Steal vehicle
<b>TORRY</b>				
11/01/17	12/01/17	Morven Place	Theft from a motor vehicle	Steal from motor vehicle
<b>HAZLEHEAD</b>				
06/01/17	06/01/17	Kirkwall Avenue	In building with intent to steal	Entered house with intent to steal from within
<b>ROSEMOUNT</b>				
06/01/17	06/01/17	Cornhill Road	Att HB w.i. to enter and steal	Attempted to force entry to garage with intent to steal from within
<b>WEST END</b>				
03/01/17	06/01/17	Broomhill Road	Att HB w.i. to enter and steal x 2	Attempted to force entry to garages with intent of stealing from within

07/01/17	08/01/17	St Swithin Street	Theft by HB	None provided
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Key: HB - House Breaking

OLP - Open Lockfast Place

OLPWI - Open Lockfast Place with Intent

HBWI - House Breaking with Intent

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