



Absafe Community Safety Bulletin

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As the harsh Scottish winter continues, here at Absafe we want you to stay warm and more importantly, safe. Our friends at Scottish Water have provided some helpful advice on how to heat, insulate and protect your home, so we can all play our part to keep the water cycle running smoothly.

6 DEGREES AND MILDER

Our winter weather has so far been slightly milder than usual, but it's important not to become complacent when the mercury rises. Ensure you follow these simple steps:

- Leave your heating on, using a low setting
- If you live in a flat, leave the heating on low in rooms where the mains pipe supplies neighbouring flats
- When you're going away then make sure you have someone who can regularly check for any problems
- Make sure neighbours have a key for your home (or contact details for someone who does) in case of an emergency
- If your property is going to be vacant over the winter months, turn off your water supply and drain the system - a licensed plumber should be able to give you advice about this - visit www.watersafe.org.uk
- Now is a good time to locate your stop valve in your home

- You may want to consider fitting an automatic stop valve - they can reduce damage to your property from burst internal pipes

1C TO 5C

- As the temperature drops, the chance of freezing pipes increases. Take a look at the following advice for what to do when it gets cold outside:
- Your water tank should be fitted with an insulation jacket or alternatively, the top and sides of the tank can be wrapped with suitable insulation material. Don't place loft insulation under the tank, as this stops heat from the rooms below helping to keep the tank warm
- Toilet cisterns, water tanks or pipes in exposed places or unheated outbuildings, should be insulated. Better still drain them for winter if you're not using them
- Buy good quality insulation - the thinner the pipe the thicker the insulation must be. 15mm or 1/2" pipes need insulation which is 25mm thick, 28mm or 1" pipe needs insulation which is at least 19mm thick

0 DEGREES AND UNDER

When it reaches below freezing, pipes are more liable to freeze. Follow Scottish Water's advice, and visit their website for further information and instructional videos, www.scottishwater.co.uk

- Dripping water increases the risk of freezing, so have any leaks at taps or valves repaired as soon as you discover them
- Cold draughts also increase your heating bills and can cause frozen pipework
- Look out for your neighbours, especially the frail, elderly and vulnerable



WHAT'S ON ABSAFE?

NEW FACES JOIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Absafe has announced new additions to its board of trustees, with Les Linklater, Executive Director of Step Change in Safety, elected as Chairman.

Duncan Peter, Business Development Manager for fellow charity Inspire, joins as Vice Chairman.

Also joining the board is media consultant and freelance journalist Kirstin Gove, and Wayne Henderson, Managing Director of business improvement consultancy Kaizah.

The new recruits join existing board members Stacey Summers, founder of White Wolf Collective and Phil Davie, Vice President - Operations at Aker Solutions.

Emma Bellu, Absafe's Chief Executive Officer said: "Our new board members bring fresh ideas, counsel and guidance to myself and the talented Absafe team. The board's combined

experience is formidable and is a huge asset to the business."

Absafe offers lunch and learn sessions, and team building exercises; with further services currently in the development.

Emma continued: "Absafe is a social enterprise and is constantly growing, by creating new services and forming new strategic partnerships. We've talked to the corporate community and have been devised products which fit their current requirements, as the market begins to show signs of recovery.

We see 2017 as a key year in our development, and collectively we're looking forward to a bold and exciting future."



SUPER DUPER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

Ever wondered what it's like to volunteer with an award-winning charity? Wonder no more, as student volunteer Rhiain Mackie fills us in.

What's the best thing about volunteering with Absafe?

I really enjoy the working environment at Absafe, as all staff and volunteers are cheery and so welcoming. I also love that we are helping youngsters to gain knowledge and awareness of how to keep safe both inside and outside the home, all whilst having a fun day at Absafe. That's the most rewarding part for me.

What have you learned since you began volunteering?

I've learned about the importance of working as a team but also working individually at the same time to deliver the high standard of teaching continually. I've also learned about adapting teaching to different ages and keeping it light hearted and fun but still highlighting the importance of our message.

Would you recommend volunteering to a friend?

I would absolutely recommend volunteering. It's a great experience for anyone maybe looking to progress into teaching or working with children, or event management.

What kind of person do you think you need to be to be a volunteer?

You should be flexible and adaptable, positive and keen to learn.

What advice would you give to any new volunteers?

Don't be nervous. This opportunity is a huge one and the amount of gratitude you receive from Absafe makes the experience even more

worthwhile because you know you are helping to make a difference.



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.

NORTH				
TIME PERIOD	LOCATION	CRIME TYPE	INFORMATION	
BUCKSBURN				
BRIDGE OF DON				
NORTHFIELD				
MASTRICK				
15/01/17	15/01/17	Rosehill Place	On premises with intent to steal	Entered driveway of dwelling with intent to steal
18/01/17	18/01/17	North Anderson Drive	Theft of vehicle	Entered unsecure dwelling and stole car key, thereafter stole car from outside
TILLYDRONE				
15/01/17	15/01/17	Clifton Lane	Theft by HB	Forced entry to garage and stole from within
14/01/17	15/01/17	Portal Crescent	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
15/01/17	16/01/17	Church Street, Woodside	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure van and stole from within
16/01/17	17/01/17	Bradley Terrace	Theft by OLP	Forced entry to vehicle and stole from within
KITTYBREWSTER				
15/01/17	15/01/17	Spital	Theft of vehicle	Stole motor vehicle from location
SEATON				
SOUTH				
CITY CENTRE				
13/01/17	14/01/17	Castle Terrace	Theft by OLP	Forced entry to vehicle and stole from within
NIGG				
17/01/17	18/01/17	Cairngorm Drive	OLPWI	Forced entry to vehicle with intent to steal
18/01/17	18/01/17	Garthdee Road	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure car and stole from within
TORRY				
18/01/17	18/01/17	Farquhar Road	HBWI	Forced entry to dwelling with intent to steal
HAZLEHEAD				
17/01/17	17/01/17	Burnieboozle Crescent	Theft from a motor vehicle	Forced entry to vehicle and stole from within

19/01/17	19/01/17	Lang Stracht	Theft of vehicle	Stole motor cycle from location
ROSEMOUNT				
14/01/17	14/01/17	Grove Crescent	HBWI	Forced entry to dwelling with intent to steal
WEST END				
10/01/17	14/01/17	Ferryhill Place	Theft from a motor vehicle	Entered unsecure vehicle and stole from within
14/01/17	14/01/17	Rubislaw Park Crescent,	In building with intent to steal	Attempted to gain entry to dwelling by trying door handles
14/01/17	14/01/17	Airyhall Avenue	In building with intent to steal	Entered dwelling through unsecure door, with intent to steal
14/01/17	15/01/17	Queens Lane South	Theft by HB	Forced entry to property 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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