



An address nearby has been burgled

Important – please do not ignore



Crime Reference Number: _____

Dear resident,

Please could you look over these questions to see if you are able to assist your neighbour and North Yorkshire Police in identifying those responsible and help making your community a safer place.

- Were you or any of your family members in during the above times?
- Did you see or hear anything, or have CCTV that may have captured the incident?
- Have you had anyone knocking on your door touting for business / or asking for the wrong address?
- Have you had any strange telephone calls?
- Have you been a victim of crime (burglary or similar) recently?
- Have you seen anyone loitering in the area?
- Have you seen any unfamiliar vehicles in the area?
- Have you found any discarded property outside your home?

Please show the above questions to each member of your household.

If anyone answers yes to any of the questions, please contact us on 101 quoting the above crime reference number.

If you have information about a crime and prefer your information to be given anonymously, please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

No matter how insignificant you may think your concerns or suspicions are, please get in touch and let us know.

Crime prevention advice

Homes with no security measures in place are five times more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures.

Taking just a few steps can make a big difference in keeping your home safe from burglary. Here are a few tips:

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, or if you're just out in the garden. Keep your doors locked even when you're in the property
- Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox)
- Install a visual burglar alarm
- Install good outside lighting
- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied
- Make sure the fences around your garden are in good condition
- Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage
- Keep ladders and tools stored away – don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property
- Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property, e.g. trim high hedges
- Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free with Immobilise (www.immobilise.com)
- Consider joining or forming a Neighbourhood Watch scheme
- Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows
- Store any high value items (e.g. jewellery, passports) in a properly-secured safe or bank vault

Useful contact details

Phone 999 in an emergency

Phone 101 non-emergency

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Supporting Victims: 01904 669 276

Web: www.northyorkshire.police.uk

Email:

Twitter:

Facebook:

North Yorkshire Community Messaging: www.nycm.co.uk

Please do not be alarmed by this leaflet. North Yorkshire and the City of York is one of the safest places to live in the country. However, it's important to take steps to protect yourself and your property.

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team can offer...

Dot peen property marking – a free, permanent marking system for all your property, including cycles, sat navs, mobile phones, tablets, games consoles, garden tools and work tools.

Community Messaging – a free system that lets you receive the latest crime notifications and community news in your neighbourhood. It is designed to let you get important information from North Yorkshire Police and other organisations – when you want it, and how you want it. The more people that join Community Messaging, the safer our area will be.

Crime prevention advice – we have trained crime prevention champions that can attend your home and offer free crime prevention advice

