

# The season to be safer

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## Countdown to a safer Christmas and New Year

**Festive times - keeping you safe and sound**



**Think it's stolen? Stop them and shop them**



**Ask Sarah for crime prevention advice**



**WIN**

- a home security makeover
- wire-free burglar alarm
- SmartWater installation

and lots of other crime prevention prizes

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# Making your community safer

The Home Office Vigilance Programme is helping agencies to crack down on domestic burglary, personal robbery and how they manage offenders to make communities safer. In Derby, this Programme is:

- helping to make people's homes and personal possessions more secure
- helping to reduce robbery through awareness-raising campaigns
- enabling the Police, Community Safety Partnership (CSP), Probation Service and Derby City Council to work together to manage repeat offenders.

## Ask Sarah

**Sarah Newton, from our Crime Prevention Team, answers your most common questions.**



### Q. What is SmartWater?

SmartWater is a form of property marking. It's a colourless liquid that is simply dabbed onto the uneven surfaces of your valuables. Each bottle contains a unique chemical code, which is registered to you. Criminals know about SmartWater and the fact that it can forensically link them to the scene of a crime. There are other property-marking systems available.

### Q. Do burglar alarms really work?

Studies reveal that you're far less likely to become the victim of a burglary at home if you have a correctly fitted and well-maintained burglar alarm.

Before you decide on an alarm:

- get advice and a number of quotes from companies that are inspected by independent organisations. For further information, visit: [www.alarmsandsecurity.net/approval.htm](http://www.alarmsandsecurity.net/approval.htm)
- ask your insurance company for the companies they recommend. The system should meet BS4737 (professionally installed) or BS6707 (DIY).

### Q. Can I install barbed wire or a carpet gripper to stop people climbing over my fence?

You need to be careful if you decide to adopt any of these tactics as you could be prosecuted if someone gets hurt: you could face claims under the Occupiers' Liability Act 1984. Better options are anti-climb paint or installing rubber spike strips – but you **must** add a sign stating you've used the paint or installed strips to reduce any liability.

**Do you have a crime prevention question for Sarah? Contact her on 01332 222077; email [sarah.newton@derby.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.newton@derby.gov.uk).**

## Supporting burglary victims

**Our Crime Prevention Team offers support and advice to all burglary victims and those vulnerable to burglary.**

Mr Roach is in his seventies and lives by himself. He felt especially vulnerable when his shed was broken into and a house two doors away was burgled. He contacted the Crime Prevention Team after speaking to one of his neighbours who had been referred to the Team. After doing a security survey of his house, the team changed all of his front and back door locks and also fitted window alarms.



Our Crime Prevention Team demonstrating home security

"It's relieved a big problem," says Mr Roach. "The service was very good. Members of the Team explained everything they were doing and showed me how it all worked. For vulnerable people, like myself, it's a great service."

# Festive times – keeping you safe and sound

We want you to have a safe time in the city centre, whether you're out shopping in the sales or out partying at night. We're joining forces with the Police, the Council's Licensing and Street Cleansing teams, Derby Pubwatch, the Taxi Marshals, Street Pastors and the East Midlands Ambulance Service to make sure you feel safe and confident.

✦ More police will be patrolling the city centre over the Christmas period. They will be especially tackling purse and bag theft using undercover officers to catch pickpockets and thieves. We'll be handing out purse chains at various locations in the run up to Christmas to prevent purse theft.



✦ The CSP is providing recycling bins on Friar Gate so that glass found on streets can be recycled. The Council is also providing licensed premises with plastic glasses to reduce the possibility of injury.

✦ There will be more street cleansing to clear up night-time waste before shoppers arrive in the city centre the next day.

✦ There are Taxi Marshal points at Friar Gate and Victoria Street on Friday and Saturday nights from 10.30pm and on extra nights over Christmas to help people get home safely.



✦ Street Pastors are on hand on Friday and Saturday nights to help revellers stay safe. They provide 'space blankets', flip flops and free water to those in need and link up with Taxi Marshals to get revellers home.

✦ A mobile medical support unit run by East Midlands Ambulance Service will be in the city in the run up to Christmas to make sure people get immediate access to medical help if they need it.

## Know your limits and 'rethink your drink'

Could the amount of alcohol you drink, especially over the festive season, be a risk to your health?

If you're out and about during the party season, try to keep within the recommended 'safe drinking' limits.

- Men should not regularly drink more than three to four units of alcohol a day.
- Women should not regularly drink more than two to three units of alcohol a day.

Try not to cram all of your drinking into a few sessions. If you do overindulge, try to take a break from alcohol for 48 hours after drinking to let your body recover.

For more information, visit: [www.units.nhs.uk](http://www.units.nhs.uk)

### A rough guide:

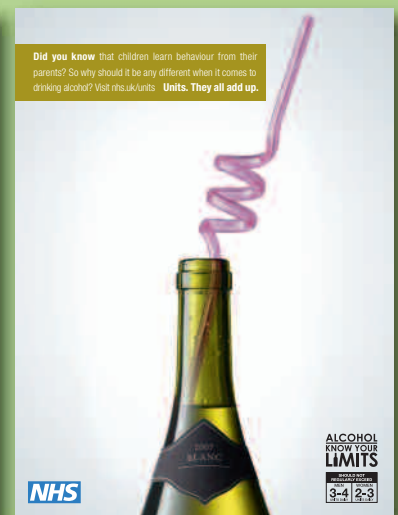
Pint of cider/lager  
3 units

Glass (175ml) of white wine  
2.3 units

Single gin and tonic  
1 unit

Double whisky and cola  
2 units

1 bottle of alcopop  
1.4 units



Derby has just won the Responsible Drinks Retailing award for the National Local Authority of the Year. This recognises all the work we do to make you safer when you enjoy a night out in the city. The award especially recognises how Derby's major public services have worked together to achieve this.

# Stolen goods - stop t

Selling stolen goods is a crime – and buying them when you think they're stolen is also a crime. Anyone caught knowingly buying stolen goods could face a prison sentence of up to 14 years.

Remember, that buying 'bent gear' isn't a victimless crime – and it could be fuelling more burglaries, robberies and providing cash for drug dealers and users.

## In a city not unlike Derby...



"Wait 'til you see the new phone my mum and dad got me for Christmas..."



...Chris is talking to his mate

"Hey no! Give it back!"



"What am I going to tell mum and dad?"



"That'll be £60 mate... I can get more anytime."



Just minutes later, in a city centre car park...

"Who'd have thought I'd get two of these for Christmas? Want to take one off my hands for £120?"



Later that day...

"I could really do with a new phone - and if it's doing you a favour, why not?"



# them and shop them

"I'll just have a quick nap before I put the tea on."



Elsewhere in the city, Mrs Black is about to take a nap...



But Mrs Black has left her back door unlocked...

"She probably doesn't even know this is missing."



Mrs Black's jewellery is now in someone else's hands.



Just 30 minutes later in a car park four miles away...

"Are you sure you don't mind selling them - it seems such good value?"



A few hours later in a local pub...

"I don't know much about jewellery, but I'm sure mum would be happy they've gone to a good home."



## Beware of rogue traders

We strongly advise you not to buy goods or services from uninvited doorstep callers. If you have problems with cold-callers, report them to Consumer Direct on 0845 404 0506.

If you have any information about people who are selling or buying stolen goods, contact the charity **Crimestoppers** on **0800 555 111** or use the online form at **[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)** – you don't need to give your name or any personal information.



# 12 days to a safer Christmas and New Year

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## Buying presents?

Think twice if anyone offers to sell you something in a pub, on the street, or on your doorstep. If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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## Having a drink?

Alternate alcoholic drinks with soft drinks or water. Eat before you go out, or earlier in the evening, to reduce the effects of alcohol. Don't mix alcohol with drugs. Don't save up your weekly alcohol unit allowance (21 for men, 14 for women) and cram it all into one evening. Pace yourself.

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## All shopped out in the sales?

Don't leave empty boxes outside your home - they can give away details of new and valuable equipment, which may be attractive to burglars. If you can, mark your property with your postcode and your house number.

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## Taking the car?

Park in a well-lit area and lock all doors and windows. Don't leave any valuables in view. Ideally, don't leave any valuables in your car at all.

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## Going to a party?

Keep all valuable items out of sight and always lock windows. Use a time switch to turn on lights and radios when you're out.

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## Stressed out?

The holiday period can be a stressful time. It can also be a time when domestic and sexual violence incidents increase. If you, or someone you know, needs help, support or advice, call Hadhari Nari (Women's Aid Derby) on 01332 270101. The Family Justice Centre is also open on some days over the holiday season. See page 7 for full details.

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## Going shopping?

Always keep your wallet or purse close to your body. If you are thinking of buying a mini-moto or off-road bike for your children, remember there are lots of restrictions on their use.

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## Using candles?

Why not try battery-powered candles instead of real ones? If you do light candles, don't leave them unattended. Put the flame out before you leave the house or go to sleep. Keep candles away from items that can catch fire; use holders that won't tip or burn and are large enough to collect dripping wax.

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## Getting home after a night out?

Always take a licensed taxi. Taxi Marshal points are in Victoria Street and Friar Gate every Friday and Saturday night from 10.30pm and on extra nights over Christmas. Remember to keep enough cash for your journey home.

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## Celebrating with fireworks?

Fireworks can normally only be used up to 11pm. Keep them away from children and use them safely. Remember to keep pets indoors.

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## Having a party?

Be a considerate neighbour and keep the noise levels down as the evening goes on. Remember that your neighbours may want an early night.

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## Out on the town?

Stay in control of your drinking - remember that you are much more vulnerable when you're drunk. Be aware that when drunk you may behave differently to others, which may in turn impact on how they behave towards you.



# Useful contact numbers

## Crimestoppers

Call 0800 555 111; [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

## Derbyshire Police

Call 0345 123 3333 (non-emergencies)

Call 999 (in an emergency)

## Family Justice Centre (see page 6)

Call 01332 256897

Open: 10am to 3pm - 24 December

10am to 4pm - 29, 30, 31 December

Closed: 25 and 28 December, 1 January and weekends

## NHS Direct

Call 0845 4647; [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk)

## Trading Standards

Email [environmental.services@derby.gov.uk](mailto:environmental.services@derby.gov.uk)

Call Consumer Direct on 0845 404 0506

Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm, Saturday 9am to 1pm



Derby Community Safety Partnership

3rd Floor, St Peter's House, Gower Street, Derby DE1 1SB

Call 01332 256160, minicom 01332 256900

Email [community.safety@derby.gov.uk](mailto:community.safety@derby.gov.uk); visit [www.saferderby.org](http://www.saferderby.org)

## Wordsearch competition

Find all of these words...

Crimestoppers Street Pastor Burglar alarm Window lock  
 Licensed taxi Taxi Marshal Home security Stolen goods  
 SmartWater Vigilance

...and you could win:

**First prize:** a full home security check, including a free survey of your property, any additional security as required, the fitting of a wire-free burglar alarm and SmartWater installation by our Crime Prevention Team.

**Second prize:** a wire-free burglar alarm fitted by our Crime Prevention Team.



## Spot the difference competition

Circle the five differences in photo one...

...and you could be one of three lucky winners of **SmartWater installation for your valuables.**



photo one



photo two

Turn over the page for another competition and entry details...

### Competition terms and conditions

- Competitions are only open to Derby city residents. Only one entry form allowed for each Derby city household – you can enter any or all of the competitions
- The CSP is not responsible for lost, late or damaged entry forms
- We will draw winners from the correct entries on 1 February 2010
- The additional security for the Wordsearch competition and the brand of wire-free burglar alarm to be fitted for the Wordsearch and the Spot the difference competitions are at the discretion of our Crime Prevention Team
- The prize winners may be asked to have their photo taken for future publicity
- You can ask for a list of winners from 10 February 2010
- Prizes are not transferable and there are no cash alternatives.

We can give you this information in any other way, style or language that will help you access it. Please contact us on 01332 256160, minicom 01332 256900

Polish

Aby ułatwić Państwu dostęp do tych informacji, możemy je Państwu przekazać w innym formacie, stylu lub języku.

Prosimy o kontakt: 01332 256160 Tel. tekstowy: 01332 256900

Punjabi

ਇਹ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਅਸੀਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਹੋਰ ਤਰੀਕੇ ਨਾਲ, ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਹੋਰ ਰੂਪ ਜਾਂ ਬੋਲੀ ਵਿੱਚ ਦੇ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਾਂ, ਜਿਹੜੀ ਇਸ ਤੱਕ ਪਹੁੰਚ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੀ ਹੋਵੇ। ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ 01332 256160 ਮਿਨੀਕਮ 01332 256900 ਤੇ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

Urdu

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## Find the purse bell competition

Five purse bells that can help prevent purse theft from your bag are scattered throughout this magazine. **Tell us on which pages the purse bells are hidden and you could win one of 30 packs - each includes a personal attack alarm, purse bell/chain and reflector disk.**



The five purse bells are on (**don't** include the one on this page):

page \_\_\_\_\_ page \_\_\_\_\_ page \_\_\_\_\_ page \_\_\_\_\_ page \_\_\_\_\_

### Please give us your contact details here

Full name \_\_\_\_\_


Address and postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Overall, did you find this magazine useful and interesting to read?  Yes  No

If Yes, which articles did you find most useful and interesting?

If No, please tell us why.

 We will treat all information you provide in confidence, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, and will only use it to contact you if you are a winner. We will not use it for any other purpose or share it with any other organisation.

**Cut out this entry form and return it by 5pm on 31 January 2010 to:**

Derby Community Safety Partnership, 3rd Floor, St Peter's House, Gower Street, Derby DE1 1SB