



# Crime Prevention



Glenda and Mark have both worked for the police for approximately 10 years. Glenda has recently been appointed as a Crime Prevention Officer but prior to this she worked as a researcher in the District Intelligence Unit. Mark has worked as a Crime Prevention Officer for the last 4 years and prior to this worked in the Vehicle Recovery Unit and also as a Police Community Support Officer

The role as Crime Prevention Officer allows them to use their previous knowledge to work on all key areas that need addressing across the Wakefield District.

Monitoring burglary offences, visiting the vulnerable/ repeat victims or elderly residents, offering target hardening advice on properties both privately owned and rented. Being involved/ creating innovative projects to look at ways of preventing repeat offences and reduce crime types. Assist businesses with premises security & write reports, attend meetings or multi agency conferences and deliver talks on issues raised with the community. Our work can change daily and if you need any assistance with any of the above or within our role as a Crime Prevention Officers please contact us on the details provided below.

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# Shed and garage

**Offenders will target sheds which have poor levels of security!**

There are a number of security measure which are fairly inexpensive and are quite easy to install. The first things to look out for are the points of entry to the shed:

Doors- Are the hinges visible from the outside? Are the screws accessible and easy to remove?

If they are you may wish to consider installing "coach bolts and Clutch screws (see below) and it is recommended that the wooden door and frame is reinforced with wood or metal bolts were the bolts are drilled through on the inside of the shed.



**“ I'd just check the door of the houses and hope I'd drop lucky, 9 out of 10 times there'll be an unlocked door or window. Some people lock their door, but just leave the keys in the lock, so if there's a letterbox or cat flap you can just reach them and your in!”**

## BOGUS CALLERS

Take extra care at home, some criminals prey on the vulnerable residents throughout the community and trick their way into people's properties. Many offer services YOU don't need or gain entry to steal items from inside whilst your being distracted.

Please don't become a victim and follow the steps below.

**When in doubt keep them out !**

## Forgotten Something?

Spring/Summer Burglary Campaign 2017

**Don't let a burglar catch you out!**



Here are some simple steps everyone can take to improve their home security:

- Lock your doors behind you, even if you're just out in the garden.
- Don't leave attractive items such as bags, laptops and cash inside the door when you've got home.
- Always close and lock windows when you're not in the room.
- Keep your keys out of view and not in reach of the letterbox or a cat flap.
- Don't leave laptops / tablets or their power cables / chargers on show.
- Use your burglar alarm if you have one.
- Check door locks are up to standard
- Keep garden tools and ladders locked away and secure when not in use.
- Cancel the milk and newspapers when you go on holiday and find a trusted neighbour, friend or relative to move your post and open and close blinds and curtains.
- Use timer switches so that your lights come on if you're not at home.



## Contact Numbers

### SCAMS

Citizens Advice: 0345 404 0506

Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040

### BOGUS CALLERS & ROGUE TRADERS

At your door? Police: 999

After Incident? Police: 101 Non- emergency

### PROBLEMS WITH A COMPANY?

Trading Standard via Citizens Advice: 0345 404 0506

**CRIMESTOPPERS (anonymous reporting) 0800 555 111**