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Doorstep Crime – Bogus Callers

There are dozens of doorstep scams that bogus callers might use to gain access to your home - people may even pretend to be from the Council or from a utilities company. These people often work in pairs, with one person distracting you whilst the other is searching through your possessions. Be cautious - don't let anybody into your home unless you are expecting them. Representatives of companies rarely call without an appointment and if there is a real gas or water emergency, police and firefighters are likely to be present. Council or police officers may not always have an appointment, but will have an identification card. Remember,

- ❑ talk to people through the door, rather than opening it when they knock
- ❑ ask questions & keep the door chain on when checking identification cards
- ❑ phone the person's organisation to confirm they are who they say they are
- ❑ make sure your back door is locked before answering your front door - thieves often work in pairs, with one entering through the back while the other knocks at the front

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The Safest Dangerous Place in Edinburgh!

Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help keep children stay safe?

The Risk Factory, New Mart Road, Edinburgh, is an exciting new Centre where children learn how to stay safe and out of danger – whether at home or on the street. We work closely with our partners at Lothian & Borders Police and Lothian & Borders Fire & Rescue Service and our team of volunteers receive full training, enabling them to confidently pass on key safety messages to children.

We're now heading towards our busiest time, with lots of schools booked in for April, May and June and we need more volunteers NOW!

If you are keen, reliable and have good communication skills, we'd love to hear from you. Interested? Please contact Jess Wade (Volunteer Co-ordinator) on 0131 455 8932 or email jess.wade@edinburgh.gov.uk

For more information about The Risk Factory please visit our website: www.theriskfactory.org

Local News

CURRIE POLICE REPORT

The following is a summary of the incidents within the area during February; if you have any information regarding any such crime please contact Balerno Police station.

At 18.45Hrs on the 5th February the Patio window of a house in Pentland Place, was smashed.

At 19.30Hrs on the 7th a door window of a house in Pentland View was smashed.

Between 23.00Hrs on the 9th and 10.00Hrs on the 10th a house window in Palmer Road was smashed.

Between 15.00Hrs on the 10th and 08.00Hrs on the 11th a wing mirror of a car parked in Pentland View was damaged.

Between 18.00Hrs on the 11th and 10.00Hrs on the 12th a garden gate and fence were damaged in Easter Currie Terrace.

On the evening of the 11th a male was arrested for carrying an offensive weapon in Pentland View, Currie.

At 17.30Hrs on the 13th a house window in Forthview Road was smashed.

Between 20.00Hrs and 21.00Hrs on the 14th a house window in Palmer Road was smashed.

Between 18.0Hrs on the 14th and 07.00Hrs on the 15th a window of the medical centre at Pentland View was smashed.

Between 15.00Hrs on the 15th and 12.00Hrs on the 17th damage was caused to the roof of a convertible motorcar, parked in Forthview Crescent.

At 00.30Hrs on the 17th a male was arrested for assaulting two persons in Pentland View Court.

In the afternoon of the 19th a male was reported for a breach of the peace after shouting racial comments in Corslet Place.

Between 20.30Hrs on the 19th and 13.30Hrs on the 20th 4 wheel trims were stolen from a car parked in Thomson Crescent.

On the evening of the 24th a male was arrested for an assault and Breach of the Peace in Forthview Crescent.

JUNIPER GREEN and BABERTON POLICE REPORT

Between 13.30 and 17.00Hrs on the 3rd February a house in Belmont Road, Juniper Green was forcibly entered and a variety of goods stolen. Enquiries are continuing.

Between 22.30 on the 3rd and 10.20 on the 4th a car battery was stolen from a vehicle parked in Baberton Mains Crescent.

At 17.50Hrs on the 8th a rear number plate was stolen from a car parked in Baberton Mains Drive.

Between 23.55Hrs on the 11th and 10.30Hrs on the 12th an attempt was made to forcibly enter the bowling club in Juniper Green.

At 16.30Hrs on the 12th a metal wire fence in Baberton Mains Wynd was damaged by a youth on a bicycle.

Between 17.00Hrs on the 1st and 10.00Hrs on the 13th an attempt was made to forcibly enter a house in Baberton Mains Drive.

Between 19.00 on the 20th and 07.45Hrs on the 21st a house was forcibly entered in Belmont Road, Juniper Green and a mobile phone was stolen.

Between 19.00Hrs on the 23rd and 12.55Hrs on the 25th a number of windows were smashed to a greenhouse in Baberton Mains Gardens.

Useful Numbers

The Community Sergeant for the area is Sgt Tony Catlin.

He can be contacted at

Balerno Police Station 449 5991

balerno.cbo@lbp.pnn.police.uk

Confidential or anonymous information on all types of criminal activity can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

And Finally....

Recorded crime in the Currie and Balerno area stands at 22% down for our year to date figures. (from 01/04/2006 – 28/02/2007). In real terms this means 131 less crimes reported to the police. Our solvency figures are up by 4.08%. Crimes of vandalism make up almost half of all reported crime and we have taken successful proactive steps to combat this problem, which has again been reflected in our figures.

Sergeant Sam Butler will take charge at Balerno Police Station replacing Sergeant Catlin who retires from the Force after 30 years service.

From 2nd April PC Mike Smith will commence duties as Community Beat Officer for Currie and Juniper Green.

