

# Stand up to crime

We would like to introduce you to our new burglary prevention campaign that will help you make your property more secure, whilst closing the net on criminals.

## What's it all about?

Prevention is better than cure. That's why we are encouraging you to follow three simple steps to better protect your property and make your possessions more traceable should the worst happen- **Secure it, Mark it, Record it**

A mixture of good home security routines, coupled with effective property marking and asset recording is a powerful deterrent to thieves. Why? Because it makes it harder for thieves to steal or dispose of your possessions.

## Peace of mind

Go on, give it a go today! Follow these three simple steps to better protect you and your family.



## Police are on the lookout for stolen goods.

Behind the scenes, Police are routinely checking for lost and stolen items.

Frontline Police Officers have been equipped with a UV torch, actively searching for property markings.

Suspects and their property will be searched in custody suites.

Recovered property will also be routinely checked.

## Cutting off the second hand market

Furthermore - we don't 'buy crime' here in Northamptonshire.

Police are actively liaising with second hand dealers to look out for stolen property, linking both burglars and handlers of stolen goods.

## Contact the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner:

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## Secure it

**Adopt a positive security routine. This can be done by undertaking some simple and cheap or free steps.**

Shut and lock your doors and windows when you leave your home – 1 in 4 burglaries take place with the criminal having to make little or no effort as doors and windows are left insecure.

Consider installing some or all of the following to your home:

- Window locks to secure all ground floor windows
- Alarm systems
- CCTV

Look at your security from a criminal's perspective, or perhaps alternatively, if you got locked out of your home, how would you get back in?

You can undertake a simple home security check by using the form at the following QR code:



For further detailed and approved security advice about crime prevention, please visit [www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)



## Mark it

**By marking your property, you make items less attractive to criminals to dispose of - and increase the chances of it being returned if it is stolen.**

There are a wide range of property marking products available. SmartWater and SelectaDNA are examples of forensic solutions that can be seen under ultraviolet light, with a unique identifying code this is then used to identify its registered owner.

These forensic property marking kits are an ideal way to mark your property but there are other ways too.

Where it is sensible to do so, property can be overtly marked with paint, stamped or engraved on items like machinery, power tools, garden tools and pushbikes.

Where this is not possible it is still advisable to use stickers or Ultraviolet marker pens, using references like your name, postcode and house number.

The choice about how to mark property is yours. It will be influenced by the type of property you are seeking to mark and your budget, but any marking is better than none.

Learn more about property marking by visiting [www.securedbydesign.com/property-marking](http://www.securedbydesign.com/property-marking)



## Record it

**Asset Recording is your last line of defence, and another way Police can return items back to you if stolen.**

**IMMOBILISE** is a free service allowing you to record the serial numbers and unique identifiers of your possessions.

Your local police can actively check for stolen property against the National Mobile Police Register, linked to Immobilise.

Join Immobilise today to set up your free account and start uploading your serial numbers.

Photographs of valuable items are also very useful.

Whichever way you choose to record details of your property, please keep them safe and pass them to the Police in the event of a theft.

You can register with Immobilise by scanning the QR code:

