**Perth & Kinross Local Area Commander’s Bulletin**

**Wednesday 16th December 2020**

# Festive Safety

Christmas is going to look different this year for many of us and while there will be no big Christmas nights out it is still important to consider how to keep yourself and your property safe during the festive season. Below is some important information to help you stay safe.

## Shopping Safety

* Stay alert while using cash machines; if you spot any camera or suspicious device attached - do not use it.
* Don’t leave your shopping bags unattended.
* Park in a busy, well-lit area. Keep any presents out of view.
* Online shopping: Make sure your web browser and internet security is up to date and use strong passwords.
* Be cautious of emails advertising a win or discounts.
* Be aware of fake products or websites.

## Home Safety

* Keep your home secure - lock all windows and doors; set your house alarm and switch on timer lights.
* Don’t leave gifts in view of windows and keep cash in your home to a minimum.
* Make sure your house looks occupied.
* If you're going away for Christmas, don’t advertise it on social media. Ask a neighbour or friend to keep an eye out while you're away.

## Road Safety

* Ensure your car is winter ready - are your tyres, brakes, windscreens, wiper blades and windows free from defects and clean?
* Be aware of changing road conditions. In severe weather, increase stopping distances.
* Drive too fast and you'll put yourself and others at risk.
* Don't use a mobile phone or any device which could distract you whilst driving
* Drink driving - don’t risk it.
* Driving while distracted is a significant factor in fatal and serious injury crashes
* Drive to the conditions of the road and be prepared for unexpected changes
* Know the road like the back of your hand? But what's around the corner? Be prepared for unexpected changes.

**Covid-19 Guidance for the Festive Period**

Between 23 and 27 December, to help reduce loneliness and isolation:

* you can form a Christmas bubble of up to 3 households, including 1 extended household, up to a maximum of 8 people (not including children under 12)
* you can travel anywhere in Scotland and the rest of the UK to meet people in your bubble – but you should follow local travel rules once you arrive
* bubble members can meet/stay in each other’s houses, in self-catering accommodation within a council area a member of the bubble lives in, public outdoor places and in places of worship
* you do not have to form a bubble if you do not want to – the safest way to spend Christmas is to stay in your own household, in your own home and your own local area
* you should not go to a pub or restaurant or entertainment venue, for example a cinema or theatre, with your bubble
* if you don’t form a bubble you must [follow the rules in the local authority area you live in](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/)
* You must not form a Christmas bubble if you are self-isolating. If anyone in the bubble develops symptoms of Coronavirus, all members of the bubble will have to self-isolate until a test result is received. If this is positive all members will have to isolate as advised by Test and Protect

**Hogmanay and New Year:** Christmas bubbles will not apply at Hogmanay and New Year. Instead, you should [follow the rules on meeting up and travelling for your level](https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-protection-levels/). Perth & Kinross is currently in Level 3.

**UPDATES**

A 31 year old man is to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for theft of tools from a vehicle in West Mill Street, **Perth** on Saturday 28th November.

A 19 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for careless driving and driving with no insurance after causing a 2 vehicle road traffic collision in Canal Street, **Perth** on Wednesday 9th December.

A 48 year old man is to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for persistently making hoax calls to the emergency services from an address in **Perth** on Thursday 10th December.

A 55 year old man was issued with a recorded police warning after being found in possession of £100 of cannabis in Feus Road, **Perth** on Monday 14th December.

A 19 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for dangerous driving after failing to stop at a red light in South Street, **Perth** on Monday 14th December, resulting in a 2 vehicle road traffic collision.

A 42 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for breaking into Willows, St Johns Place, **Perth** on Tuesday 15th December.

A 37 year old man will be subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal after being found to be driving his vehicle while under the influence of cannabis on the M90 near **Bridge of Earn** on Thursday 10th December

A cannabis cultivation was discovered after the execution of a drug search warrant at a property in **Greenloaning** on Wednesday 9th December.

A 76 year old man will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for careless driving after failing to stop at a junction on the A93 at **Meikleour**, causing a road traffic collision.

A 39 year old woman is to be reported to the Procurator Fiscal for careless driving after a one vehicle road traffic collision near to **Alyth**. She was also found to have no insurance and no MOT.

During the last week 6 drivers have been found to be without insurance. 3 of these also had no licence while 2 had no MOT.

**RECENT INCIDENTS**

Between Wednesday 25th November and Monday 7th December, a lime green Carrera Mountain Bike was stolen from a garden in South Inch Park, **Perth**. (CR/33558/20)

A window was smashed at a property in Nimmo Place, **Perth** about 8:30pm, Tuesday 8th December. The suspect who is described as male, aged about 25-30 years old, about 5’10” and wearing a grey and black jacket with black track suit bottoms, was seen to run off towards Nimmo Avenue. (CR/33671/20)

A black and red scooter was stolen from Jura Street, **Perth** between 2:45pm and 3:10pm, Wednesday 9th December. (CR/33715/20)

Between 5am and 9pm, Thursday 10th December, a black and green Carrera Mountain Bike was stolen from Bracken Brae, **Perth**. (CR/33818/20)

Between 2:30pm and 5pm, Friday 11th December, a yellow and blue Kona Mountain Bike was stolen from outside Paddy Power, South Methevn Street, **Perth**. (CR/34014/20)

Between 12pm, Friday 11th and 10:40am, Saturday 12th December, a blue Mini One was stolen from Scott Street, **Perth**. (CR/33799/20)

Between 2pm, Friday 11th and 2pm, Saturday 12th December, a generator and tools were stolen from a driveway in Cromlix Road, **Perth** (CR/34019/20)

Between 1am and 7:30am, Monday 14th December, a white Citroen Relay Van was stolen from Glamis Place, **Perth**. (CR/34000/20)

Between Monday 7th and Saturday 12th December, an attempt was made to break in to a garden shed in High Street, **Crieff**. (CR/33973/20)

Between 2pm, Saturday 12th and 9:30am, Sunday 13th December, a hedge trimmer was stolen from a garden shed in Montgomery Street, **Kinross**. (CR/34079/20)

Between Friday 11th and Monday 14th December, a quantity of power tools were stolen from a Volkswagen Crafter parked in Old Perth Road, **Milnathort**. (CR/34136/20)

Between 6pm, Saturday 5th and 8:30am, Sunday 6th December, 3 vehicles were scratched whilst parked in Strathmore Avenue, **Coupar Angus**. (CR/33522/20)

Between 12pm, Saturday 12th and 11am, Sunday 13th December, power tools were stolen from a vehicle parked in Middlehills, **Coupar Angus**. (CR/33994/20). There were also thefts from 2 other vehicles parked in Beechhill Place, **Coupar Angus**. (CR/34073/20)

Overnight on Friday 11th December, 4 vehicles were broken into in Glenalmond Road and Ferguson Park, **Rattray**. (CR/33798/20)

**Anyone with any information that may be useful should contact Tayside Division on 101 or any police officer, quoting the crime reference number listed at each incident. Alternatively information can be passed anonymously via the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.**

**Regards,**

**Graham Binnie.**

**Chief Inspector**

**Local Area Commander**

**Perth and Kinross**

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND INTERNET LINKS**

As we receive reports of crime, the information is shared on[**https://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/**](https://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/)

I would encourage you to sign up for notifications.

Guidance on how to protect your property is available via Community Watch as well as on the Police Scotland Website, just click or copy and paste the following links:-

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-home**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-home)

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-garden-and-outbuildings**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-garden-and-outbuildings)

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/rural-crime**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/rural-crime)

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/keep-your-bicycle-secure**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/keep-your-bicycle-secure)

Guidance on how to deal with and report bogus callers can be found on the Police Scotland website -[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/doorstep-crime-and-bogus-callers**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/personal-safety/doorstep-crime-and-bogus-callers)

For information on vehicle and personal property security please go to the Police Scotland website page; just click or copy and paste the following links:-

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-car**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-car)

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-valuables**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/home-and-personal-property/secure-your-valuables)

Keep up to date with everything we are doing and all appeals by visiting the following sites:-

[**https://twitter.com/policescotland**](https://twitter.com/policescotland)

[**https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland**](https://www.facebook.com/PoliceScotland)

[**http://www.scotland.police.uk/**](http://www.scotland.police.uk/)

[**http://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/**](http://www.pkcommunitywatch.co.uk/)

**Your Community Policing Teams**

**Locality Inspectors**

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| **NORTH**PI Emma Bowman**Blairgowrie & Glens****Highland****Strathtay****Strathmore****Carse of Gowrie** | **PERTH**PI Kerry Lynch**Perth City North****Perth City South****Perth City Centre** | **SOUTH**PI Craig Stephen**Strathearn****Strathallan** **Almond & Earn****Kinross-shire** |

If you wish to make contact with your local community officer please use the following e-mail addresses:

**Perth**

TaysidePerthCityCentreCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

TaysidePerthCityNorthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

TaysidePerthCitySouthCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

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