

WHICH NUMBER SHOULD BE USED?



999 – EMERGENCY: police needed immediately

Crime in progress

Life threatened, person injured or in danger

Crime about to happen.

Please be aware that all calls to the police are graded. It may not be possible because of other serious incidents taking place at a particular time for the police to attend as quickly as they would like.

101 – NON EMERGENCY:

Immediate response not required. Communication staff can upgrade to an emergency if they feel it appropriate.

USE 101 FOR:

Reporting a burglary – if returning home to find a burglary has taken place, therefore the time of burglary is not known. Crime site should be preserved as best as possible, but nothing would be gained by an immediate police response.

Theft of vehicle / theft from a vehicle – if the offender is not at the scene.

To report anti-social behaviour or suspected drug dealing.

Are you reporting a burglary / car crime / anti-social behaviour / drug dealing and don't want to give your details?

Any crime or suspected crime can be reported anonymously to CRIMESTOPPERS on: 0800 555111. You may even qualify for a reward!

Bristol Neighbourhood Watch Network



WHY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH?

People join Neighbourhood Watch to make the areas where they live safe, friendly and pleasant places to be – and it works.

The old stereotype of the Neighbourhood Watch curtain twitcher is wrong for one very simple reason: it implies fear. Neighbourhood Watch is about the opposite; making sure that no one has to feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated in the place where they live. It's about people looking out for each other, crossing barriers of age, class, race, religion, and sexuality to create real communities and that benefits everyone.

To explode another myth, Neighbourhood Watch groups are set up and run by people in local communities, **not the police**, so the approach taken is entirely up to residents.

The most impressive Neighbourhood Watch achievements result from members looking closely at the needs of their communities and meeting them with innovative and creative thinking.

Communities where Neighbourhood Watch operates become more friendly and cohesive. Research also shows, they experience a fall in crime and the overall results can be truly inspiring.

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Useful information can be found on the following websites:

www.bristolnhwnetwork.org.uk

Newsletters, useful 'phone numbers, speakers for meetings and information on running a Bristol Neighbourhood Watch Groups

Membership card order form and discount list

Bristol calendar order form

You can fill in the 'Contact us' form if you would like more information.

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Get the latest Police news.

Go to the 'Your Area' section and enter your postcode to find details of your Neighbourhood Police Team, together with details of when your next Neighbourhood Forum meeting is taking place. Any local issues / concerns can be raised at these forum meetings.

www.ourwatch.org.uk

Please register your scheme on this, the National Neighbourhood Watch Network website.

National Neighbourhood Watch Network arranges the provision of Public Liability Insurance (PLI) cover for all **registered** Neighbourhood Watch groups. The PLI covers your Neighbourhood Watch street signs, and any events arranged under the banner of your Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

There are a number of useful toolkits to help you.

You can register to receive Crime Alert messages.

BRISTOL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK



SUSPECT IDENTIFICATION CHART

Describing a person

Sex
Race
Complexion
Age
Build
Height
Hair / balding
Clothing
Glasses
Scars / Marks / Tattoos
Facial hair
Speech / Accent / Lisp



Reporting an event

What are you reporting:
a burglary, car theft, anti-social
behaviour?

What alerted you to raise your
suspicions? Person/s lurking?

Who is/might be involved, how
many people?

When Date, times

Where Location

How Whether driving, walking,
cycling...

**Try to train yourself to describe people and vehicles
you see out and about, it's really good practice for
when you may need to do it for real.**

Describing a vehicle

Registration number
Colour
Make
Body type
Number of doors
Any damage
If moving, the direction of travel is useful

