

THE PARTNERSHIP

The Harrogate District Safer Communities Partnership brings together the Borough Council, North Yorkshire Police and other main agencies in the public and voluntary sectors to work together for the benefit of the whole community.

Its key themes over the next three years are to reduce the fear of crime, bring down burglary and car crime rates, reduce violent crime and investigate issues concerning young people.

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List of Partners:

Harrogate Borough Council , North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire County Council, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Ambulance Service, North Yorkshire Education Dept., North Yorkshire Social Services, Probation Service, Youth Offending Teams, Youth Enquiry Service, Drug and Alcohol Reference Group, Local Media , Magistrates, Community and Police Groups, Business Community and Chambers of Trade, Elected Members - County, Elected Members - District, Organisations representing elderly people, Organisations representing minority groups, Disability Groups, Councils for Voluntary Service, Harrogate Health Care Trust, Neighbourhood Watch, Parish Councils, Pub Watch Groups, Religious Groups, Residents Associations, Retailers, Schools and Colleges, Victim Support, ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY.



CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES
IN THE HARROGATE DISTRICT

Harrogate
BOROUGH COUNCIL



KEEP KEYS SAFE



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SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

CAR SECURITY

Recent improvements in car security now mean that the easiest way to steal a car is to steal the keys for it.

Burglars and thieves are now targeting and burgling houses with cars on the driveway or even in the garage.

The most common methods of obtaining keys are by forcible entry, sneaking in, or by "fishing" with a rod or cane through a letterbox, cat flap or open window.

The security of keys is therefore of paramount importance.

Don't X

- ❌ Leave keys on open view in the kitchen or on the hall table.
- ❌ Leave them with the house keys hanging inside the front or back door.

Do ✓

- ✅ Put them out of sight, and if possible in a secure place, such as a key cabinet or locked cupboard.
- ✅ Consider fitting some additional physical security to your car, even when parked at home, for example, a gear lock, steering wheel lock or a wheel clamp.



HOUSE SECURITY

Ensure that you have good door and window security as outlined in "Your Practical Guide to Crime Prevention" or in the "Beat the Burglar" leaflet. Both obtainable from your local Police Station.

A determined sneak-in burglar will sneak in to the kitchen whilst you may be in your lounge or elsewhere in the house or garden, and take wallets, handbags, house and car keys.

- 🔑 Use a door chain, or other limiter to allow fresh air in without leaving the door open and unsecured.
- 🔑 Lock doors that are not within your view. Automatic deadlocks make this easy to achieve.
- 🔑 Keep ground floor windows closed, or use limiters to restrict the opening.
- 🔑 Fit a letterbox security guard flap, basket or other closed contained to the inside of your letterbox.
- 🔑 Close and, if possible, lock driveway gates, local garages and other outbuildings.
- 🔑 If not already fitted, consider a professionally installed burglar alarm. These do reduce the risk of burglary.



SHED & GARAGE SECURITY

Timber sheds provide useful economical storage, but they are not designed to be a security container, and in their basic form offer little or no defence against theft.

Security of sheds can be improved:

- 🔑 Strengthen hinges and other fittings by replacing some or all of the screws with dome headed coach bolts.
- 🔑 Use a good quality, closed shackle, heavy-duty padlock, with the lock fittings bolted through the door and frame and reinforced with a steel plate behind. The hasp should have concealed screws or bolts.
- 🔑 Strengthen the fabric of the building. Place mesh or bars on the inside of windows.
- 🔑 Battery powered alarms are a useful addition. If you have mains electric in your building you could link it into your house alarm, if you have one.
- 🔑 Lock your shed or garage at all times and keep the keys safe and secure.

