



Autumn Oughts

Does crime fall in the fall?

There are things we ought to do to reduce the chances of becoming a victim of crime.

There are also arrangements we ought to make in the interests of health and safety.

1. The nights are drawing in - is the outside of your property well lit? It may be light when you go out but leave some lights on in rooms that you normally occupy to make it appear that you are at home.
2. When parking your car, leave it in a place that will be well lit, if it will be dark when you return to it. Do not leave items on show in the car.
3. If walking at night, do not take short cuts through badly lit and / or lonely routes. Carry a personal attack alarm - they are not expensive.
4. Has your burglar alarm had its annual service?
5. Are your smoke alarms working? Perhaps arrange for the Fire and Rescue Service to give your property a free safety check.
6. Do trees or shrubs in your garden provide cover for a burglar or obstruct your vision - autumn is a good time for pruning.
7. Does your central heating need servicing before the onset of winter?
8. Are you due for an eye test - certain eye conditions can make night driving particularly difficult?
9. Have you made arrangements for your medicine to be collected in the event of your becoming ill with Swine Flu?
10. Halloween is coming, Rushcliffe Crime Reduction Partnership will have supplies of the "No Trick or Treat" window stickers available for those of you who do not wish to have callers.
11. Please ensure that on Bonfire Night you take adequate precautions to protect young children and the vulnerable. Have you considered attending an organised firework event rather than having one in your garden?



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