



HARROGATE & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

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SNEAK THIEVES

Consider the following situation. Your house is well secured; alarm, window locks, door locks etc. You decided to spend the afternoon working in the front garden leaving the back door unlocked. Unfortunately, a sneak thief is about. A handbag containing credit cards, car keys and cash on the kitchen table next to the back door disappears with all its contents.

WHAT DO YOU DO?

- Report the matter immediately to the police

North Yorkshire Police: Non-Urgent **101** Emergency **999**

- Cancel all credit cards etc.
- If the thief has the car keys, think about changing the locks on the car or risk the thief coming back and simply driving the car away.

We are all guilty of forgetting to shut windows, lock our doors and so on. However, the consequences of such a minor lapse can be devastating not only in knowing a thief has been in your home but the time and trouble it creates correcting such a small lapse.

TO PREVENT CRIME IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

NB For information on becoming a member of Neighbourhood Watch: Email us at info@nwatchharrogate.org.uk or phone 101 and ask to speak to a police officer from your local Safer Neighbourhood Team.