

Safer Neighbourhoods Information

BEWARE!

Put building materials out of reach of burglars and car thieves. Please put all bricks, large stones, iron bars and lumps of wood away from your front garden so that thieves can't use them to break into your house or car.

STREET CRIME. Be aware of who is around you. Thieves often commit snatch crimes on bicycles. Carry only the cash and cards that you need.

CAR CRIME is prevalent in our area. Lock all doors when driving and on garage forecourts. Leave nothing valuable on display when parked and ensure all windows are fully closed. Report all car crimes, even if you are not making an insurance claim.

Electrical items: Register serial numbers free on www.immobilise.com .

PROTECT YOUR MOBILE PHONE. Record the unique *IMEI* 15-digit number on your mobile - key in **#06#*. Keep the number safe. Do not advertise your phone to thieves. Most thefts occur near bus stops, stations and shops.

Find my iPhone! Download from <http://www.apple.com/uk/icloud/find-my-iphone.html> before it's stolen.

Cyclists beware! 4 easy steps to safer cycling:

1. Record your bike – take a photo, log the frame number and register it at <https://www.bikeregister.com/> . If your bike is stolen, report it to the Police.
2. If you are buying a second-hand bike, be vigilant and cover your back. If you buy a stolen bike, even unknowingly, you have no statutory rights. The bike will be recovered and you're unlikely to see a penny.
3. Don't be naïve: if you're buying a racing bike for £200 and paying cash, something's not right.
4. Always use two different locks (eg. A cable and a D-lock) to secure your bike. A thief will have to carry two tools to steal your bike.

Join the **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators** in East Acton, including the WARA area, to keep crime down in our area. Who's watching your street? Email the Safer Neighbourhoods Team at eastacton.snt@met.police.uk to express an interest.

Join the **Dogwatch** dog walkers who report suspicious items to the Police. They also receive information from our local Police. Register your interest with our SNT at eastacton.snt@met.police.uk

Join the local **East Acton Ward Safer Neighbourhoods Panel** with other representative members from the community. Working with the Police to prevent and keep crime down in East Acton. Please let the SNT know you're interested at eastacton.snt@met.police.uk .

WARA Link: westactonresidents.org.uk or **Colin Bastin** colinbastin@btinternet.com

