

# Support Agencies.

## Victim Support – 0845-450-3936

Victim Support Schemes operate in various places throughout the UK. Their volunteers are specially trained to provide free and confidential information and advice. They can also obtain specialist professional help if you need it.

If you urgently need support from this organisation please tell the officer who obtained the statement from you.

## Child Victims and Witnesses

There is additional support available for child victims and witnesses to help prepare them for giving evidence at any court hearing. The officer who obtained this statement will be able to offer you advice on this service.

A request for this service can be made at any time up to 14 days prior to the hearing.

## Crime Prevention Advice

If you have been a victim of crime involving theft, particularly burglary you should recognise that the offender will be familiar with how to access your property and where your possessions are kept.

Should the offender be tempted to steal from you again for instance after you have had the opportunity of replacing stolen items, it makes sense for you to take steps to reduce the vulnerability by improving your level of security.

Securing your property does not need to be expensive and the police officer taking this statement will be happy to give you some basic security guidance. Alternatively if you need more specialist advice you can contact your local crime prevention officer, details will be supplied by the officer taking this statement, should you require them.

## Witness Intimidation

It is an offence to do anything intended to harm or intimidate a person who is assisting or has assisted in the investigation of an offence or who is, will be, or has been a witness in criminal proceedings.

If at any stage you are threatened or intimidated by the person in respect of the information you have provided in this statement or you have any queries concerning the giving of this statement, please contact the police station below.

If you have any issues that concern you about the statement you have already provided then please contact the police officer detailed on this form, who will progress any issues raised to the relevant authority.

**BE A HERO.  
STOP CRIME ON YOUR DOORSTEP.**

**WE KNOW**

- BURGLARIES GO UP WHEN THE NIGHTS GET LONGER.
- MOST BURGLARIES IN BARNET TAKE PLACE DURING THE WORKING DAY, BETWEEN 8AM-7PM.
- 25% OF BURGLIED PROPERTIES WERE LEFT UNSECURED.

**We know you can make it harder for the criminals by following our four steps to secure:**

-  **LOCK THEM OUT**  
LOCK ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS.
-  **LEAVE THEM GUESSING**  
LEAVE A LIGHT ON AFTER DARK.
-  **HIDE AND KEEP**  
HIDE VALUABLES FROM PRYING EYES.
-  **DOUBLE SECURE**  
DOUBLE LOCK DOORS EVEN IF YOU'RE ONLY AWAY FOR A FEW MINUTES.

 **BE SAFE**

# Next Steps.

**BE A HERO. STOP CRIME ON YOUR DOORSTEP.**

**IT SOUNDS SIMPLE BUT EVERY SMALL STEP YOU TAKE MAKES YOUR HOME LESS ATTRACTIVE TO A BURGLAR**



## **LOCK THEM OUT**

We know as many burglars enter through a window as through a door. Close and lock all your doors and windows.



## **LEAVE THEM GUESSING**

We know burglars like the longer nights. If the streetlights are going to come on before you're home, make sure you leave a light on.



## **HIDE AND KEEP**

Always keep valuables, like laptops and tablets, out of sight and never leave them near a door, letterbox or window. Double check if they have been left in sight.



## **DOUBLE SECURE**

Shutting isn't locking, and it won't keep the burglars out. Remember to double lock your doors, even if you're only out for a few minutes.

### **THE BE SAFE INITIATIVE**

The Metropolitan Police Service is working hard to stop criminals and help Londoners keep themselves and their property safe. You can be a hero and stop crime before it happens by following our simple crime prevention steps.

For more advice visit [www.met.police.uk/burglary](http://www.met.police.uk/burglary)  
If you need police after a burglary, call 101  
In an emergency always dial 999  
#BeSafe

## **Victim / Witness Information**

You have provided a written statement to the police and as a consequence at some later date it may be necessary for you to attend court to give evidence.

This will of course depend upon a number of factors, such as whether a person has been charged or reported for the offence and whether there is sufficient evidence and / it is in the public interest to proceed to a court hearing.

If court proceedings are considered to be appropriate it does not necessarily mean you will be asked to attend court to give evidence.

## **Civil Proceedings**

In certain circumstances the statement of evidence you have already provided as part of the police criminal investigation may be disclosed to third parties for the purpose of civil proceedings.

Your signed authority permitting the police to do this is on the last page of your statement, with or without your consent in the above circumstances civil proceedings under the Children Act 1989 deals with who is the best person to care for a child or who should have contact with a child.

In road traffic collisions, statements are required to assist in deciding who was at fault and whether payment for damage and injury should be made.

## **What Happens Next**

At the time of making your original statement you may have provided the victim / witness personal statement after having provided a witness statement of evidence.

This statement is disclosable and will be attached to the file of evidence in this case.

The information contained within the victim / witness personal statement will be available to the court and may be given evidence at any subsequent hearing or trial.

It is important that the information provided is truthful and accurate as it may be questioned at court.

Later and in the event that this case is progressed into the courts you may be contacted and offered the opportunity to provide an updated victim / witness personal statement to detail any further effects that were not recognised during your initial victim / witness personal statement.

**Officer Name:** .....

**Police Station:**.....

**Contact Details:**

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**Initial CAD Incident Number:**.....

**Rate your PC Card given to victim/witness:**.....

**CRIS number**.....