

OVER THE FENCE LINES

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Reducing Burglaries in Neighbourhood Support Areas

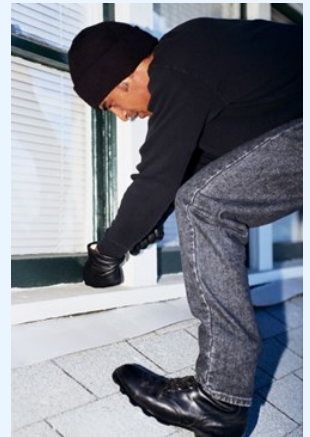
Are we doing enough to reduce burglaries in Neighbourhood Support Group areas? In these areas neighbours look out for neighbours and immediately report anything suspicious to the Police. In Rotorua this results in around 10% less burglaries compared to non-Neighbourhood Support areas.

This figure could be greatly improved with some simple security. Of the 193 houses burgled in Neighbourhood Support areas this year 76 were insecure. They had windows open, doors unlocked or open and garden sheds/garages without locks.

By simply locking doors, sheds and garages and ensuring all windows are closed and latched many of those burglaries may have been prevented. Also items of value need to be put away after being used, that is lawn mowers, bicycles, power tools, etc.

Of those 193 properties burgled 111 had not registered their household details with Neighbourhood Support. Being a member of a Neighbourhood Support Group does not make you immune to burglaries but it reduces the probability of being a victim. If you take the crime prevention advice Neighbourhood Support gives and become more security conscious you reduce the probability of burglary even more. The lesson to be learnt; be security conscious, register your household of a Neighbourhood Support Group, and reduce the likelihood of being burgled. If you haven't registered yet, do it today.

Contact the office or go to the web site for a Household Detail Form.



Dalbeth Road Group Finds Missing Woman



Recently a member of Dalbeth Rd Neighbourhood Support Group who normally travels around on a mobility scooter went missing. All the Group came out and started checking streets, drains, anywhere to locate the missing woman. She was found having a cuppa at someone's house close by due to running out of battery power for her scooter. It was a 100% turnout of neighbours who knew something was amiss and did something. Congratulations to the Dalbeth Road!

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A Note From Bruce, Ron & Jannette

The year end beckons and Christmas is quickly coming upon us. With the holiday season not far off, schools out and more cars on the road the staff Neighbourhood Support Rotorua wish you a safe, peaceful and blessed Christmas & New Year!



Our thanks go to all Street Contacts and their deputies for ensuring their Groups are informed, household detail records are up to date and the neighbours look after each other. Thanks also go to those on the Committee who ensure the office is run as well as possible with the funding challenges faced, thank you!

Despite the festivities coming it is not time to turn our security brains off. Whether at home, going shopping or away ensure your dwelling, property and vehicle are kept secure and are not an open invitation to offenders to relieve you of your property.

Before you go away organise for a trusted neighbour, friend, or relative to keep an eye on your place, clear the mail box and checking everything is alright. Leave them a completed 'Holiday Emergency Contact' slip that gives them your contact details and time you are away. To get a copy of this form go to the web site under forms or contact the office.

Enjoy your Christmas/New Year, keep safe and keep your neighbourhood secure!

Getting Ready For The Holidays!!!!



Do:

- Advise your neighbours you will be away
- Complete the 'Before you go on holiday'
- If away a long period cancel newspapers & mail
- Securely lock your house, garage and sheds
- Close all windows
- If you have an alarm set it
- Put away outside furniture, lawnmowers & barbeques

Don't:

- Leave rubbish bags out when you go away unless it is collection day
- Leave animals unattended
- Leave curtains closed
- Have your Christmas Tree and presents in front of a window
- Leave lights on unless they have a timer

Enjoy your holidays and keep all your property secure when away!

Message From

Senior Sergeant Denton Grimes



Officer in Charge Community and Youth Services, Rotorua

"With the festive season fast approaching it is important for all of us to be reminded of our responsibilities when it comes to drink driving.

Many of us will be attending Xmas functions, so we need to ensure if we are drinking that we arrange alternative transport or assign a designated sober driver. Alcohol is one of the main contributing factors as to the cause of serious and fatal crashes. Drink Driving is everyone's responsibility, lets make the right decisions so we can celebrate the Xmas and New Year with family and friends and not having to deal with an unwanted tragedy. In keeping with the Road Policing theme, the roads over the holiday period are going to be busy. To keep ourselves safe we must drive to the speed limit, always wear our seatbelts and be patient and courteous to other road users.

From all of us in the Rotorua Police we wish to thank you for your support and dedication in providing valuable information, being our extra eyes and ears in the community which helps us prevent crime happening and making confident, safe and secure communities.

We wish you a very Merry Xmas and a Safe and Happy New Year"



Apology: website improvements delayed!!!

Promised new info on the web site unfortunately is delayed waiting final go ahead approval. Check the website regularly to keep up to date. The new information will appear under the heading Rotorua Police Requests.

Operation Sign Up

www.ns.org.nz



**NEIGHBOURHOOD
SUPPORT
AREA**

Signs and letterbox labels have now been delivered to the office.

Service clubs will be approached to schedule a mounting programme using the list of damaged/worn/missing signs that has been assembled.

If your Neighbourhood Support Group wishes to mount your own signs please let us know.


Each Street Contact will be contacted to identify how many registered households they have in their Group to receive the letterbox label. A registered household is one which has completed the Household Detail Form and submitted through the Street Contact to the office.

Street Contacts will be up to dated on progress.





REMEMBER THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!



Enjoy the Christmas break by keeping safe and secure!

Look out for neighbours with no family around, make it a special Christmas for them!

Drive safely, think ahead and watch out for the other drivers on the road!

Use your Christmas break to recharge your batteries, relax and enjoy!

Notify trusted neighbours of your plans to be away, get them to look after your home while you are away!

Ensure you lock and secure your property when you are away for the holidays.

While on holiday remember to keep security conscious, don't leave valuables in a vehicle, thieves don't go on holiday!

Remember those who work over holiday periods for your safety, the emergency services Staff, they are there to help you!

Know where your children are and ensure they have a safe, fun and memorable holiday!



**Thanks to all the staff and Police in the Rotorua Police area for their continued support.
We couldn't do our job without them.**