



## PRESS RELEASE

### SECURITY ADVICE

Following the recent spate of break-ins in the Kirkton, Annan and Gretna areas, police are advising owners of businesses and licensed premises to be vigilant regarding the security of their property. The following simple steps should be considered to deter would be thieves.

1. Ensure all property is secured at finish of business hours including the locking and checking of windows, doors and gates.
2. Alarms and CCTV, if installed, are in good working order and regularly maintained.
3. Consider fitting external PIR lighting to deter intruders.
4. Key security – It is appreciated there are a number of keys required for a typical business, however key security is very important. Safe keys, office keys and other security keys should be removed from the premises out with staff hours. It has been known that the security of a safe has been overcome by using a true key which in turn was located within an unlocked drawer; the key had a fob thereon indicating it was the safe key!
5. Staff to report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles to police immediately.

Police also indicate that anyone can arrange for a free crime prevention survey for their home or business. To arrange this all you need do is call 0845 600 5701, and ask for your local Crime Prevention Officer, who will arrange to call at a suitable time to carry out the survey and offer advice, on simple crime prevention measures that can be taken to improve the security of your home or business.

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