

## Rise in identity theft

Criminals can steal your identity in a number of ways, for example finding your credit card or bank statements in your rubbish or stealing your driving licence or bank card. They can use personal details such as your name, date of birth, current and previous addresses and much more to commit identity theft.



Help to prevent identity theft by:

- Destroying unwanted documents including bills, statements or post that's in your name, preferably using a shredder.
- Requesting a copy of your personal credit report for free from a credit reference agency (like Experian) on a regular basis to check for entries you don't recognise.

If you think you've been a victim of identify theft notify Action Fraud and your bank. For more information on identity theft prevention visit [Take Five](#) and [Action Fraud](#).

## CrimeStoppers Burglary Campaign

**CrimeStoppers.**  
Speak up. Stay safe.

**0800 555 111**  
100% anonymous. Always.

CrimeStoppers (CS) have launched a [new campaign](#) across Hampshire and IOW to help prevent and reduce burglaries. In 2023/2024, there were 2,814 residential burglary crimes reported by Hampshire and IOW Constabulary. Criminal gangs can target the most vulnerable in communities and the campaign aims to gather information about who's behind house burglaries, thefts from sheds and garages or keyless car thefts.

All CS want to know is what you know, you may have information about these people, or those who are planning burglaries or selling stolen items such as power tools and jewellery. CrimeStoppers won't judge or ask for any personal details, they guarantee you'll remain 100% anonymous.

## Halloween 'No trick or treat' posters

Hampshire and IOW Constabulary's 'No trick or treat' poster is available for display if you don't want trick or treaters at your door this Halloween.

This poster can be displayed in your home, or homes of any neighbours or relatives. It should be displayed in a prominent position either on the front door or front window.

You can download the poster from our website [here](#).



## Using a waste carrier? Follow the S.C.R.A.P Code.

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste.

It's a crime that damages the environment, risks public health and costs taxpayers to clean up. You must use a licenced waste carrier or take your waste to a registered site.

### Using a waste carrier? Follow the S.C.R.A.P Code:

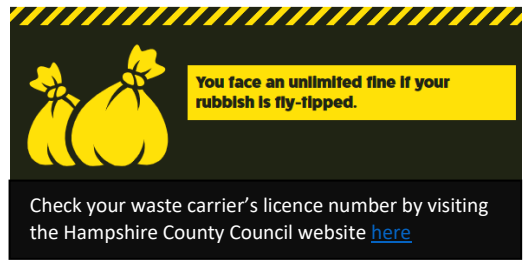
**S**uspect all waste carriers, ask to see their licence and note their vehicle registration.

**C**heck that a waste carrier is licenced.

**R**efuse any unexpected offers to have your rubbish taken away.

**A**sk how your rubbish will be disposed of.

**P**aperwork must be obtained: a proper invoice, waste transfer note or receipt, including a description of the waste being removed and the waste carrier's contact details.



## Top five frauds aimed at students



Action Fraud, the national fraud and cybercrime reporting service, has launched a student safety campaign, revealing the top frauds to look out for and how to prevent themselves from becoming a target.

### What are the top fraud types to look out for as a student?

#### 1. Investment Fraud

Criminals target students (often via social media) looking to make quick-wins.

#### 2. Fake Job Fraud

Fraudulent adverts aimed at stealing personal information or money.

#### 3. Rental Fraud

Fraudsters ask students to pay fees in advance without seeing a property first.

#### 4. Online Shopping Fraud

Fraudsters will create fake websites or replicate legitimate online stores to obtain personal details.

#### 5. Ticket Fraud

Fraudsters will use opportunities, like highly in-demand events, to target students by selling fake tickets.

For more information visit the [Action Fraud website](#).

## NSPCC 'Listen up, Speak up' training

[NSPCC](#) are encouraging every adult in the UK to take their 10 minute digital training and learn how to listen up and speak up for children.

Listen up, Speak up will show you:

- Some signs a child might be at risk, and steps you can take to help.
- How to approach difficult conversations to help keep children safe.
- Who you can contact if you're ever concerned about a child or their family.

