



**Make sure Bonfire Night goes with a bang.**

Devon and Cornwall Police are encouraging those celebrating Bonfire Night to remember that fireworks are explosives and should be respected.



More children than adults get injured by fireworks every year and the police want to stop that from happening. Sparklers can reach temperatures more than 15 times hotter than boiling water and five times hotter than cooking oil.

By following advice, you can minimize harm to your family and friends."

**Devon and Cornwall Police's tips for staying safe:**

- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Never throw used fireworks, or any type of flammable liquid onto a bonfire.
- Take care around bonfires, especially keeping clothing away.
- Make sure bonfires are out and surroundings are safe before leaving.
- Misfired or partly used fireworks should be soaked in a container of water and the manufacturer should be contacted for advice on disposal.

**If you are putting on your own display:**

1. Only one person should be responsible for letting off fireworks.
2. Don't drink alcohol if you are setting off fireworks.
3. Light fireworks at arm's length, using a taper.
4. Make sure everyone stands well back.
5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from people.
7. NEVER go back to a firework that has been lit even if it has not gone off it could still explode.



**Devon and Cornwall Police are urging Christmas shoppers to be on their guard for opportunist thieves preying on vehicles.**

As the festive period approaches, police are recommending that people take care by keeping car windows closed and doors locked, and by keeping presents and valuables away from outside view.

Ilfracombe Neighbourhood Team said: "Theft from vehicles in Devon and Cornwall remains low but the opportunity for this type of crime traditionally rises during the lead up to Christmas.

"Shoppers should be aware and keep purchases with them rather than leave them on display in vehicles. This will reduce the opportunity for crime.

By taking simple precautions people can help police to reduce crime while preventing the heartache of losing valuable or sentimental gifts over the festive season." Police are asking shoppers to follow simple precautions when out and about during the festive season:

- 1, Lock your vehicles and close windows.
- 2, Park in a well-lit and recognised car park.
- 3, Leave nothing on display in your vehicle.
- 4, Plan shopping so that bulky items are collected at the end of the day rather than being stored in your vehicle.
- 5, When you get home make a note of any serial numbers of valuable items on the guarantee slip.
- 6, Register valuables using the **free** service at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) which enables police to identify the owner of the items if they are stolen.

**Here are some signs to look out for:**

Change in mood and/or demeanour (e.g. secretive/ withdrawn/ aggressive/ emotional)

Substance misuse and/or drug paraphernalia.

- Changes in the way they dress.
- Unexplained, sometimes unaffordable new things (e.g clothes, jewellery, cars etc)
- Going missing, maybe for long periods of time.
- Seen in different cars/taxis driven by unknown adults.
- Seeming unfamiliar with your community or where they are.
- Truancy, exclusion, disengagement from school.
- Unexplained injuries.

If you have information about drug dealing or misuse in your community, you can report them to Devon & Cornwall Police by reporting it online via [www.dc.police.uk](http://www.dc.police.uk). If a crime is in progress or life is in danger, dial 999. You can also report information anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or via their website.

#NoPlaceForDrugs #LookCloser



Are you concerned about unusual or suspicious activity happening where you live? Have you noticed vulnerable people becoming involved in drug-related activities?

## "Think Safety" This winter



Ilfracombe Police are reminding motorists to **'think safety'** before setting out on the roads during the winter months.

Beware of icy conditions particularly during early mornings. Consider leaving a little more time for travelling so you can take extra care. Rushing your journey can lead to errors of judgement which can easily lead to a serious crash.

As well as motorists taking responsibility for their driving, police also urge them to check the condition of their vehicle. Basic checks are necessary on things such as tyres, wipers and lights.

Before setting off, drivers are also advised to make sure the windscreen is fully cleared, and headlights are on if they are required.

The **five** main causes of serious injuries and deaths on the region's roads, known as the **'fatal five'**, are -

1. Excessive or inappropriate speed.
2. Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
3. Not wearing a seat belt.
4. Driver distractions, such as using mobile devices.
5. Careless and inconsiderate driving.

On top of the **"Fatal five"** at this time of year, we also have the weather to worry about.

## "Think Safety" at all times

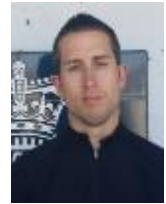
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**In an Emergency  
ring 999**  
For Non-Emergency  
Ring 101

Like us on our Facebook page [Ilfracombe Police](#) and get regular updates as it happens.

### Police Enquiry Office at -

**Barnstaple** Open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday  
(Closed 1.15-2pm lunch)

**Exeter** 8am-6pm Monday – Saturday

Both Closed Sunday & Bank Holiday's

[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

We try to help whenever we can, but we're not always the best people to call in every situation

Abandoned cars and anti-social parking are dealt with by local councils

Untaxed cars need to be reported to the DVLA

Lost or found dogs should be reported to the local dog warden

Noisy neighbours need to be reported to the council environmental health team

Always check our website to make sure you contact the right people, first time:  
[www.dc.police.uk/who-to-contact](http://www.dc.police.uk/who-to-contact)

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/contact> use this link to find out how long the waiting time is on **ringing 101** and see lots of other ways to report your concerns.

### **There are a number of different ways to get in touch with us**

Every contact we receive about a policing issue is answered by a member of our team, whether it's through one of our online options or on the phone.

#### Contact details

**Non Emergency**  
dc.police.uk

If a crime has already happened or to give information about the crime



**WebChat**  
To get updates visit dc.police.uk and click on the WebChat widget

**999 Emergency**

When life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby or immediate action is required

Contact details for Deaf or hard of hearing / speech impaired

**999 BSL**

(video relay for BSL users)

**Emergency**

**Text 999**

(You must register for this service at [www.emergency999.org.uk](http://www.emergency999.org.uk))

**18000**

**Minicom/textphone**

**Non-Emergency**

**SignLive**

(video relay for BSL users) for Non-Emergency

**Text 67101**

**18001 101**



**Domestic abuse** can affect anyone and takes many forms

**signs of abuse**

Absence from work, school or social events, **fear** of partner and partner's anger, **personality changes** (e.g. becomes withdrawn), **unexplained injuries**

For help visit: [www.domesticabusehelp.co.uk](http://www.domesticabusehelp.co.uk)

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

## Number of Crimes reported in October 2023

### Ilfracombe

- Violence less Serious 33
- Sexual Offences 5
- Theft (Shoplifting) 9
- Theft (Other) 4
- Drugs 3
- Criminal Damage (Inc Arson) 8
- Vehicle Crime (theft of & from) 5
- Other Notifiable Crime 15

### Combe Martin

- Violence less Serious 1
- Other Notifiable Crime 1

### Berrynarbor

- Violence less Serious 1

### East Down

- None

**CRIMESTOPPERS**  
**0800 555 111**  
Call anonymously with information about crime

**Victim Care** PCC

Tel 101 or go to the web  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/victim-witnesses/](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/victim-witnesses/) Victim but no crime report. Tel. 0300 303 0554

**ActionFraud**  
Report Fraud & Internet Crime  
**0300 123 2040**