

#SleighNoToLoanSharks

Experts have warned that loan sharks are targeting vulnerable people seeking credit and trapping them in a cycle of debt with high interest rates and threats of violence. A new campaign is being launched by Stop Loan Sharks to alert people about loan sharks and help prevent them falling into their traps in the run up to Christmas.

<https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/>



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STOP LOAN SHARKS
Intervention . Support . Education

Tips to protect yourself and loved ones from loan sharks:

- When borrowing money, check that your lender is genuine, loan sharks operate illegally and without permission from the Financial Conduct Authority. Check the firm is registered on the [Financial Service Register](#).
- Never send money, give financial or personal information or copies of documents to people you don't know or trust.
- If you are worried that a friend or family member is being taken advantage of by a loan shark contact the Stop Loan Sharks 24/7 support line on 0300 555 2222.

Catalytic Converter Theft

Precious metals such as rhodium, platinum and palladium are used in catalytic converters. The price of these metals has risen sharply in recent years and as a result has led to an increase in the theft of catalytic converters.

Hybrid vehicles, vans, SUVs and 4x4s are the most commonly targeted vehicles.



Tips to reduce risk of having your catalytic converter stolen:

Locks: Ask your manufacturer or dealership for advice on adding locks/guards for protection. Products will need to be approved by the vehicle manufacturer, also inform your insurance company of any vehicle modifications

Marking: Security marking of catalytic converters is possible with a heat resistant marking system which is best applied by a garage when being serviced.

Parking: Park in a secure, well-lit area. Speak to your dealership to find out the position of your catalytic converter and advice on defensive parking.

#NoExcuseForAbuse @VictimCareService



We are joining the call to end violence against women. Support is available if you are or have experienced abuse.

You can call Hampshire Domestic Abuse Advice Line on 03300 165 112, and for the Isle of Wight call Paragon on 0800 234 6266. In an emergency call 999. There is never an excuse for abuse. You are not alone.

Victim Care Service: 0808 178 1641, Victim Support's 24/7 Supportline: 0808 168 9111
victimsupport.org.uk/live-chat

Watch out for Black Friday deals

Remember to follow the #TakeFive advice to avoid falling for a fraud. Here are some of the signs:

- You're offered a heavily discounted or considerably cheaper than usual service or product.
- You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.
- The website that you're purchasing from was only launched days/weeks ago.



#TakeFive #StopChallengeProtect

Drug Driving Campaign

CrimeStoppers have launched a [new national campaign](#) to target those who get behind the wheel and drug drive.

Drug drivers put other people's lives at risk, your information could help prevent an accident or even help save lives. If you suspect someone is drug driving, tell CrimeStoppers what you know, 100% anonymously by calling 0800 555 111 or reporting online.

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.

By Stander training

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust and L'Oreal have teamed up to offer Stand Up Against Street Harassment bystander intervention training for free online.

There are many dates available to sign up for in November and December:
<https://www.suzylamplugh.org/Pages/Events/Category/events>

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