



CYBER CRIME

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WHAT IS CYBER CRIME?

- CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT USING COMPUTERS AND OTHER COMPUTERISED DEVICES.
- CYBER CRIME IS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CRIMINAL THREATS TO THE UK
- CYBER CRIME IS INTERNATIONAL AND A STAGGERING AMOUNT ORIGINATED FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY, LEAVING NO SOURCE TRACE.
- FOR EXAMPLE:
 - IDENTITY THEFT
 - HACKING
 - TRANSACTION FRAUD
 - FRAUDULENT PHONE CALLS

SOME STATISTICS

- IN 2015 THERE WERE 4.3 MILLIONS REPORTED CYBER CRIMES IN THE UK
- MORE THAN HALF OF VICTIMS SUFFERED A FINANCIAL LOSS AND OF THAT NUMBER ONLY 62% WERE FULLY REIMBURSED.
- 1 IN 3 FRAUD VICTIMS ARE OVER 65

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2. ONLINE CRIME BY USE OF COMPUTER NETWORKS TO PERFORM FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT

PREVENTION AND ADVICE

- PASSWORDS
- VIRUS PROTECTION SOFTWARE
- LEGITIMATE WEBSITES
- CARD DETAILS
- USE COMPUTERS RATHER THAN TABLETS AND PHONES FOR SECURE CONNECTIONS.

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- CHECK YOUR BANK ACCOUNT FREQUENTLY AND REPORT ANY UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AS SOON AS YOU NOTICE IT.
- REPORT ALL UNUSUAL ACTIVITY, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY £10
- KEEP YOUR ANTIVIRUS SYSTEMS UP TO DATE
- USE A COMPUTER TO SHOP ONLINE AS IT IS MUCH MORE SECURE THAN A PHONE. THERE IS LIMITED ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE ON PHONES AND SO THEY ARE VERY EASY TARGETS TO HACK.
- ALWAYS HANG UP AND PHONE EITHER YOUR BANK OR PHONE COMPANY SHOULD YOU RECEIVE A PHONE CALL STATING YOUR ACCOUNT HAS BEEN COMPROMISED IN ANY WAY.

SOCIAL MEDIA



CHILDREN ONLINE

- HAVE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS SET TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND CHECK THEM FREQUENTLY.
- *PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS* – ASK YOUR CHILD TO SHOW YOU HOW TO USE A SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE. GETTING INVOLVED MAY PREVENT THEM FROM GETTING INTO DIFFICULT SITUATIONS ONLINE.
- *PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS* – ‘FRIEND’ YOUR CHILD ON SOCIAL MEDIA SITES. THOSE LOOKING TO GROOM CHILDREN ONLINE TEND TO LOOK AT WHO THEY ARE FRIENDS WITH.
- *PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS* – MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS OLD ENOUGH TO SIGN UP. AGE RESTRICTIONS ARE OFTEN GIVEN FOR A REASON.
- *PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS* – CHILDREN WILL MAKE ONLINE FRIENDS AND MAY WISH TO MEET THEM. ENCOURAGE THEM TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THIS FIRST AND WORK OUT A PLAN THAT ALLOWS THEM TO MEET SAFELY I.E. YOU GO ALONG
- BE WARY OF YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD BEING SECRETIVE ON COMPUTERS, PHONES AND OTHER DEVICES.



Operation Liberal

- Distraction Burglary - Any crime where a falsehood, trick or distraction is used on an occupant of a dwelling to gain, or try to gain, access to the premises to commit Burglary.
- Doorstep Crime – The targeting of elderly and vulnerable householders in relation to bogus property repairs i.e. Tarmac, Roofing, Tree Work/General Garden Work, and Fascias/Guttering etc and charging exorbitant prices for poor and often unnecessary work.





- Average age 77 years
- 77% are female
- 74% live alone
- Risk increases if person;
 - Has mobility problems/isolated
 - Has an unkempt home or garden
 - Has poor security/doorstep behaviour

- 40% of victims had a change in their quality of life
- Affects their well being
- 2.5 times more likely to be in residential care or to have died in the 2 years following

There is no shame
in being a victim.