

Onehunga Community Watch

Community Police Newsletter

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Last month, the number of reported property offences in our community decreased significantly compared to incidents reported throughout May 2023 making it the lowest month this year for property crime offences in our community.

Of the reported incidents, Police saw a huge decrease in burglary and vehicle crime in Onehunga, Hillsborough, Epsom and Penrose areas.

As for the number of burglaries, around fifty-four percent occurred throughout the day-time with forty-six percent during the night.

There are a number of contributing factors to the decrease in crime, such as an increase in high visibility area patrols by police and community patrol volunteers, relocation of criminal offenders and the imposing of strict court conditions on criminal defendants.

Last month police recovered ten stolen motor vehicles throughout our suburb.



Number plate theft prevention.

“Safer Plates”

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The implementation of a new liquor ban area in our CBD has resulted in fewer incidents of alcohol related harm requiring attendance by police, nonetheless we are still encouraging members of the public to report incidents of public intoxication so that police have an opportunity to attend and deal with such concerns.

Police recommend call 111 if behaviour of this nature is observed.

Temporary Speed limits - FYI

Enforcement of temporary Speed limits

A motorist attempted to defend and infringement for exceeding a temporary speed limit claiming that because the site was 'unattended' the temporary speed limit did not apply.

The court held that the temporary speed limits apply from the time speed limit signs are installed by an authorised person, until the time the signs are removed.



If contractors have completed work they are required to remove signs; however, if the sign remains in place, the temporary speed limit applies.



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Reporting Suspicious Activity

If you see a crime occurring, or any suspicious behaviour in your neighbourhood call police immediately on 111.

The 111 crime reporting phone number is not just for reporting the immediate risk to life or property, but also for all situations where immediately police attendance is required.

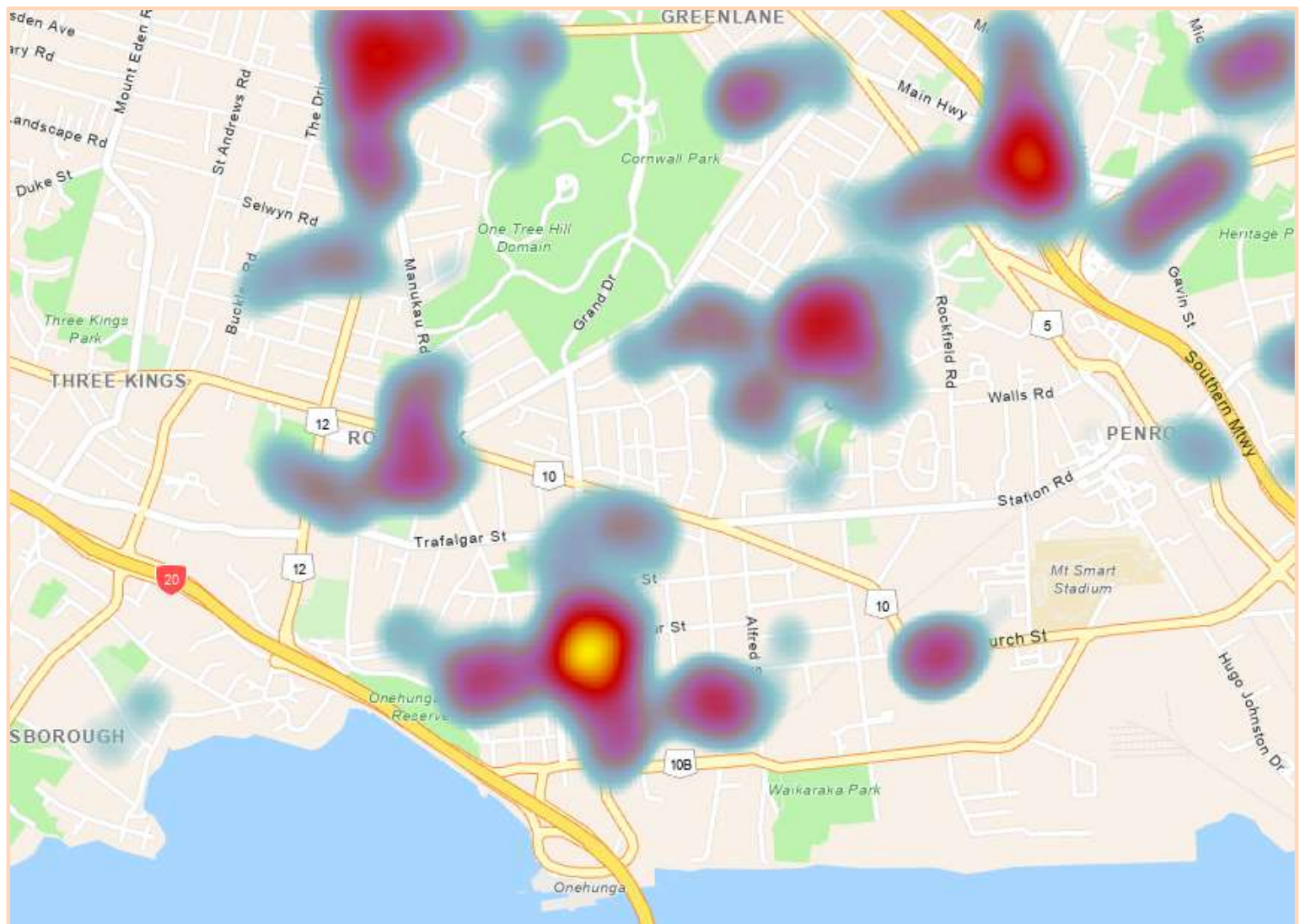
This could include, a person acting suspicious, looking into properties and vehicles, going through letterboxes. Basically any situation where a person is present and causing concern should be reported immediately to police on 111.

Attendance by police will inevitably come down to priority risk and depending on what is happening at that time, however giving police the best opportunity to attend any calls for service is always the recommended option.

These calls tell us what is happening locally, and the intelligence gathered from these phone calls provides police with the best information when looking for areas to deploy our staff and volunteers to conduct area patrols to prevent further crime from occurring.



Property Crime offences June 2023 Hot spots



Hillsborough crime map – June 2023



Onehunga Crime Summary for June 2023

Last month we saw some of the lowest number of reported property offences throughout Onehunga this year.

Burglaries alone decreased a massive thirty-one percent during May and the number of vehicle incidents were at the lowest figures this year for Onehunga.

The streets with multiple reported incidents were:

Church St (6 incidents) 5 x burglaries, 1 theft from a motor vehicle

Onehunga Mall (4 incidents) 2 x burglaries, 2 stolen motor vehicles

Waipu Land (4 incidents) 2 x theft ex-car, 2 x vehicle thefts

Arthur St (4 incidents) 3x burgs, 1 x vehicle theft

Rawhiti Rd (3 incidents) 1 x burglary, 2 x thefts from vehicles

Arthur St (5 incidents) 2 x burglaries, 3 x theft ex-cars

Princes St (3 incidents) 2 burglaries, 1 x vehicle theft

Waller St (2 incidents) 1 x theft from a vehicle, 1 x vehicle theft

Quadrant Rd (2 incidents) 1 x theft from a vehicle, 1 x vehicle theft

Grey St (2 incidents) 1 x burglary, 1 x vehicle theft

Victoria St (2 incidents) 1 x burglary 1 x vehicle theft

Paihia Rd (2 incidents) 1 x burglary, 1 x vehicle theft

Selwyn St (2 Incidents) 1 x burglary, 1 x vehicle theft

Pleasant St (2 Incidents) 1 x burglary, 1 x vehicle theft

Jordan Ave St (2 Incidents) 2 x burglaries

Princes St (2 Incidents) 1 x burglary, 1 x vehicle theft



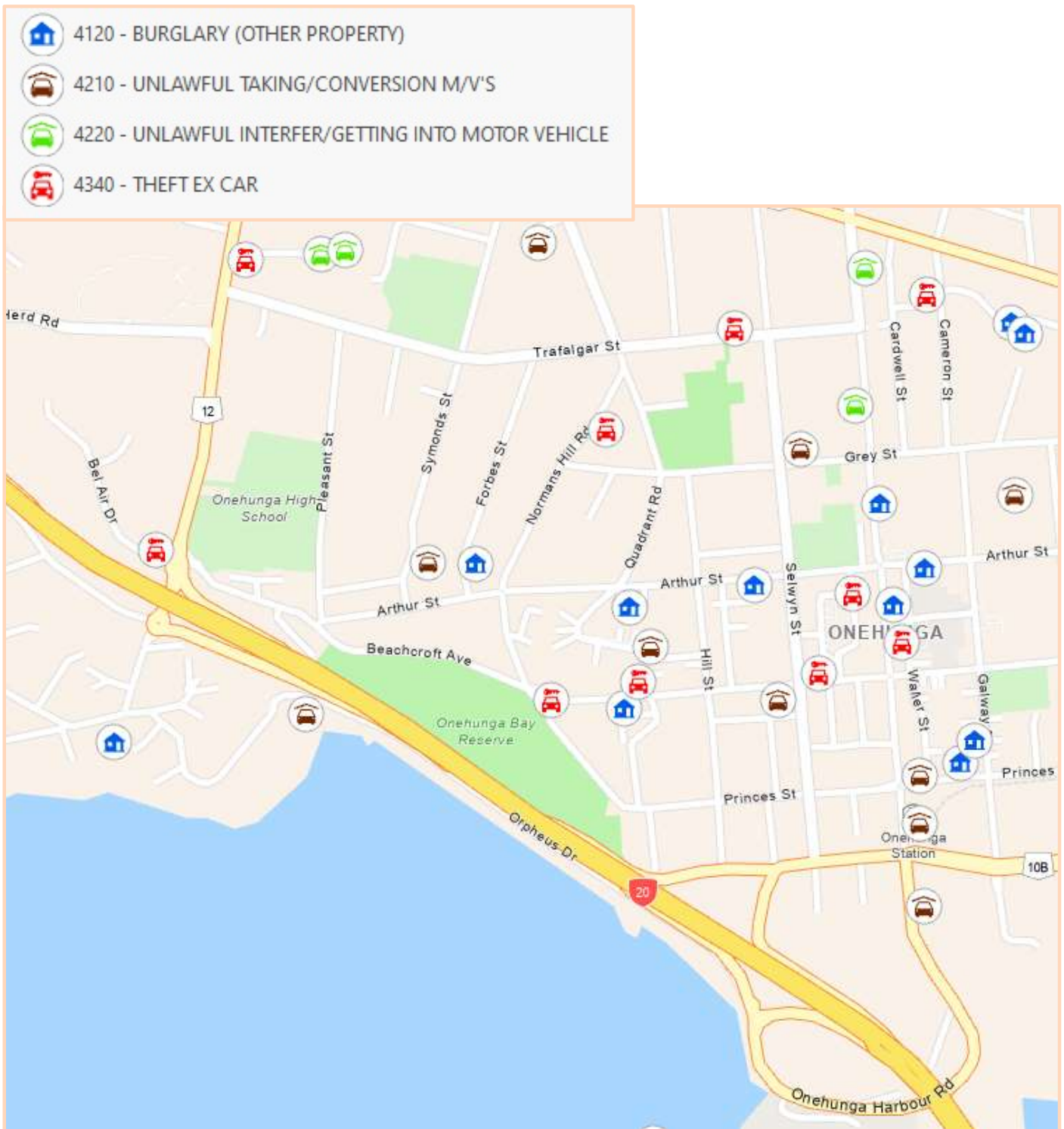
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Onehunga South & Onehunga June 2023



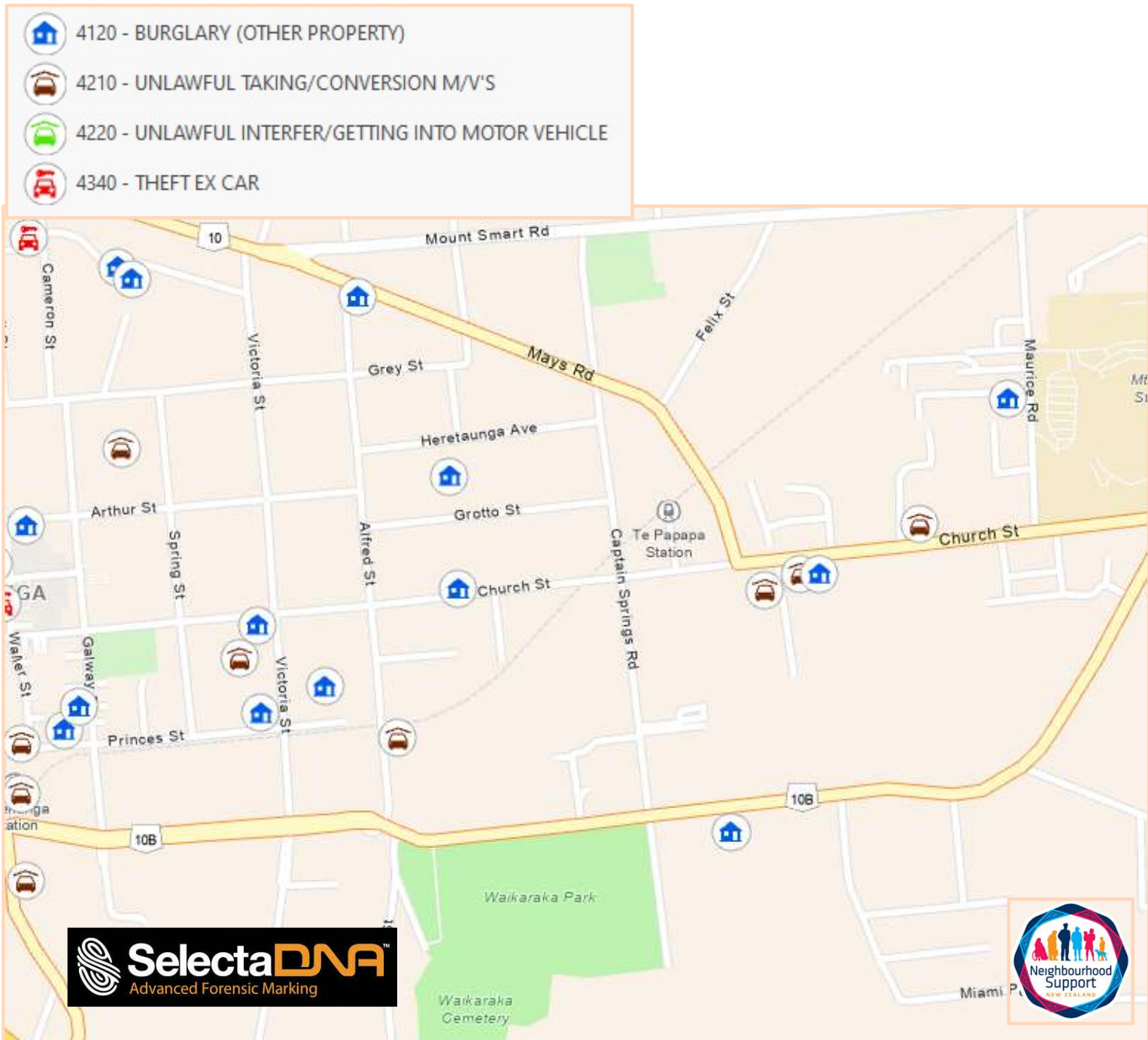
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Te Pāpapa – June 2023







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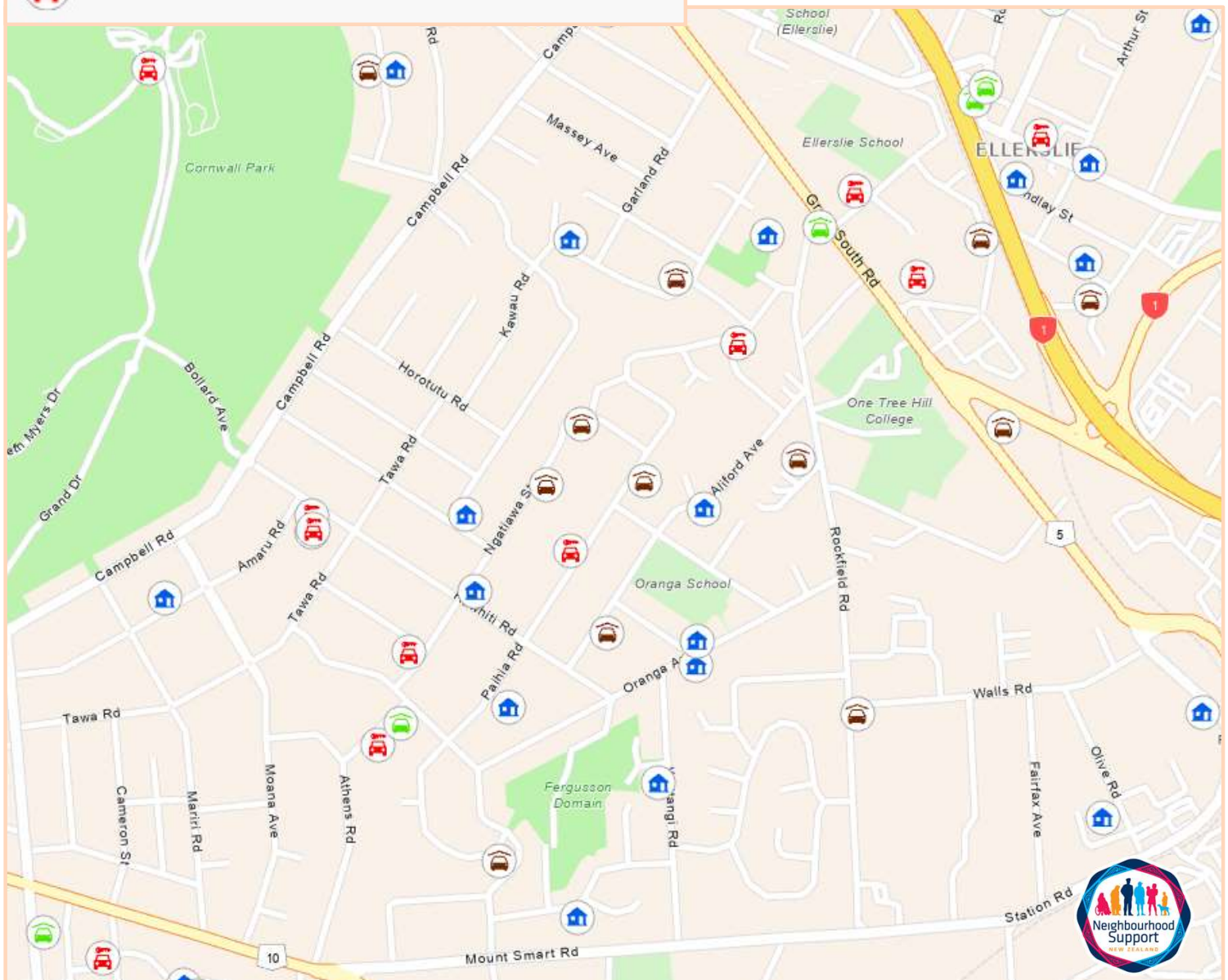
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Oranga - One Tree Hill June 2023

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-  4210 - UNLAWFUL TAKING/CONVERSION M/V'S
-  4220 - UNLAWFUL INTERFER/GETTING INTO MOTOR VEHICLE
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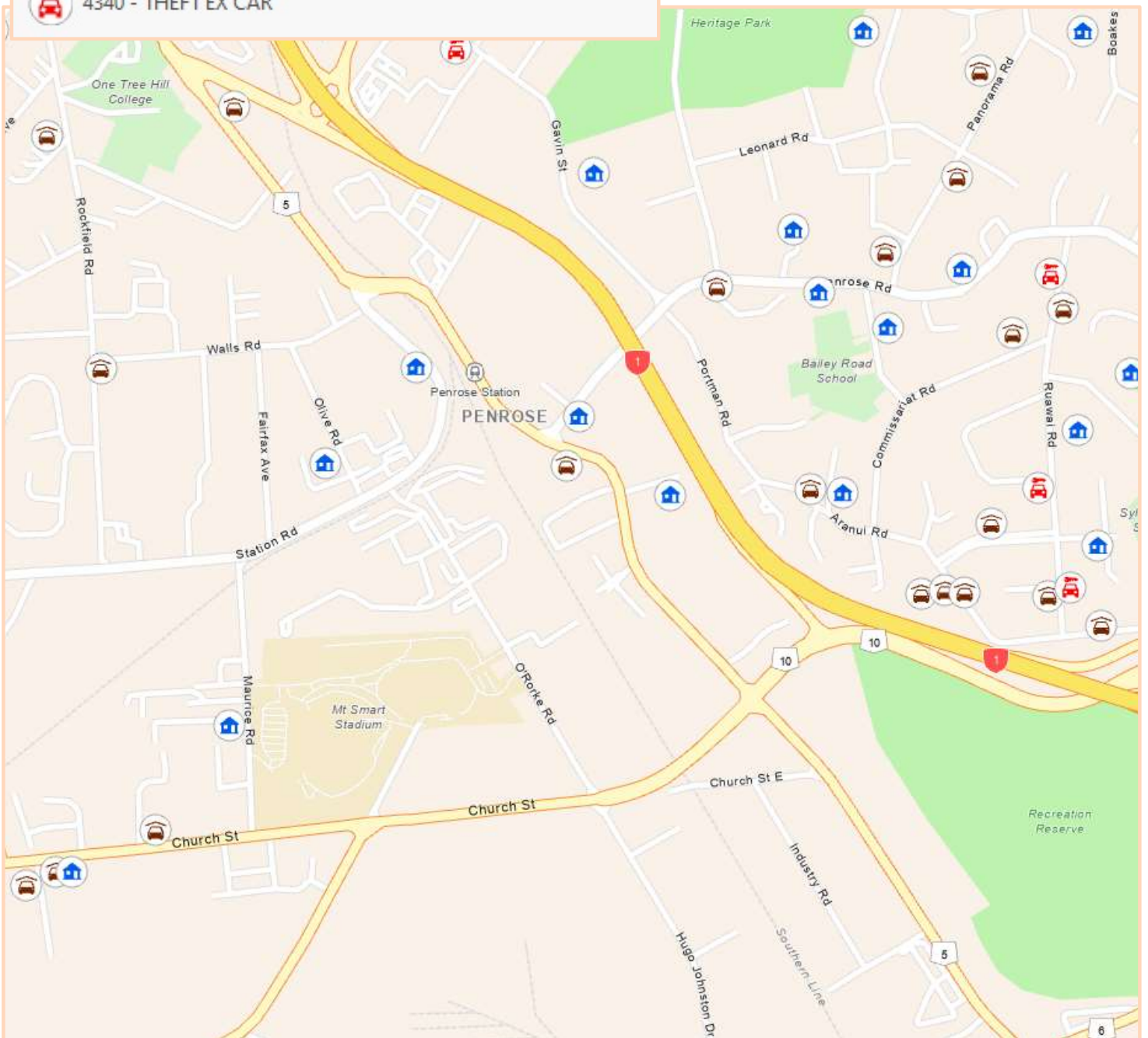
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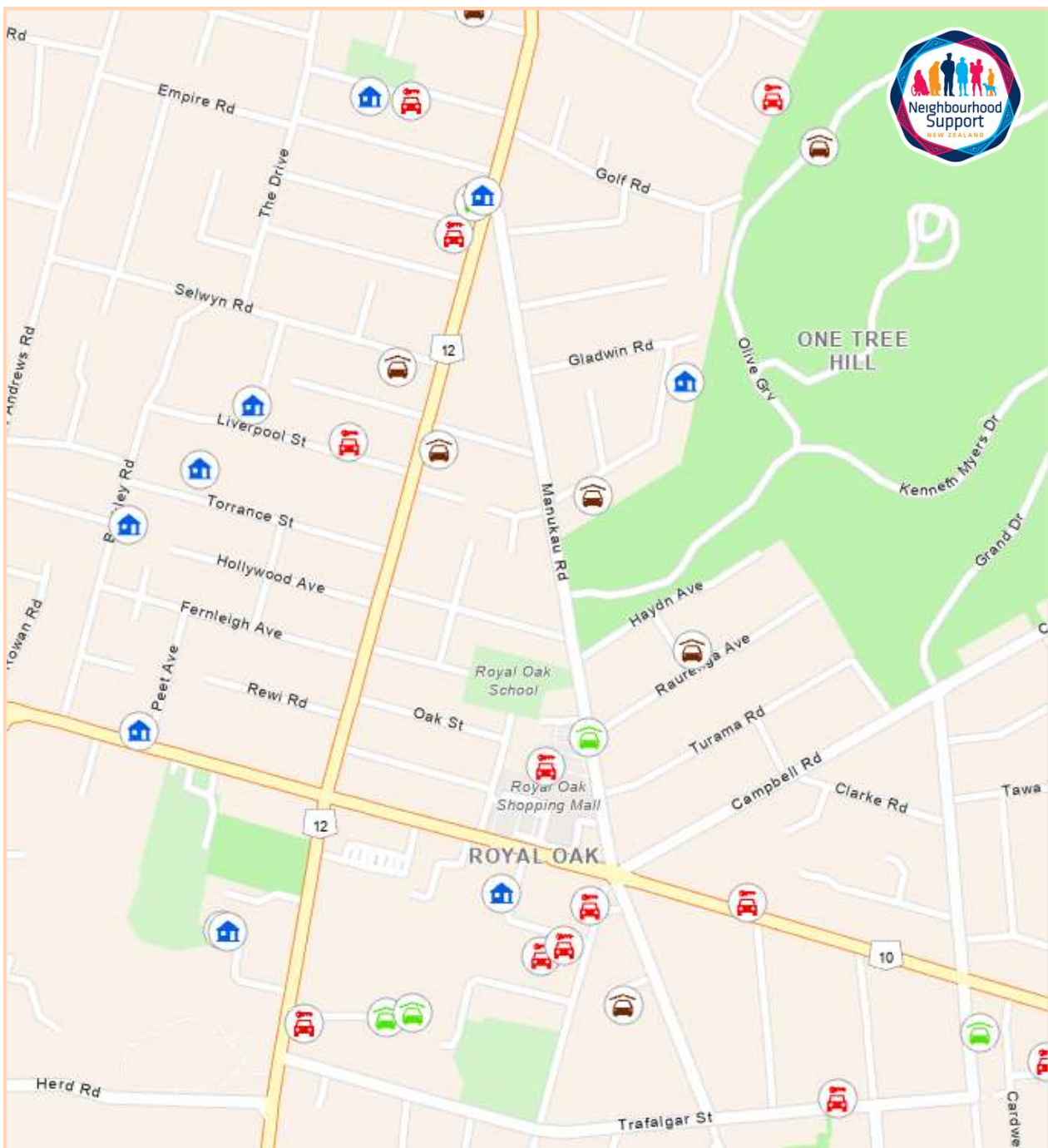
Penrose June 2023

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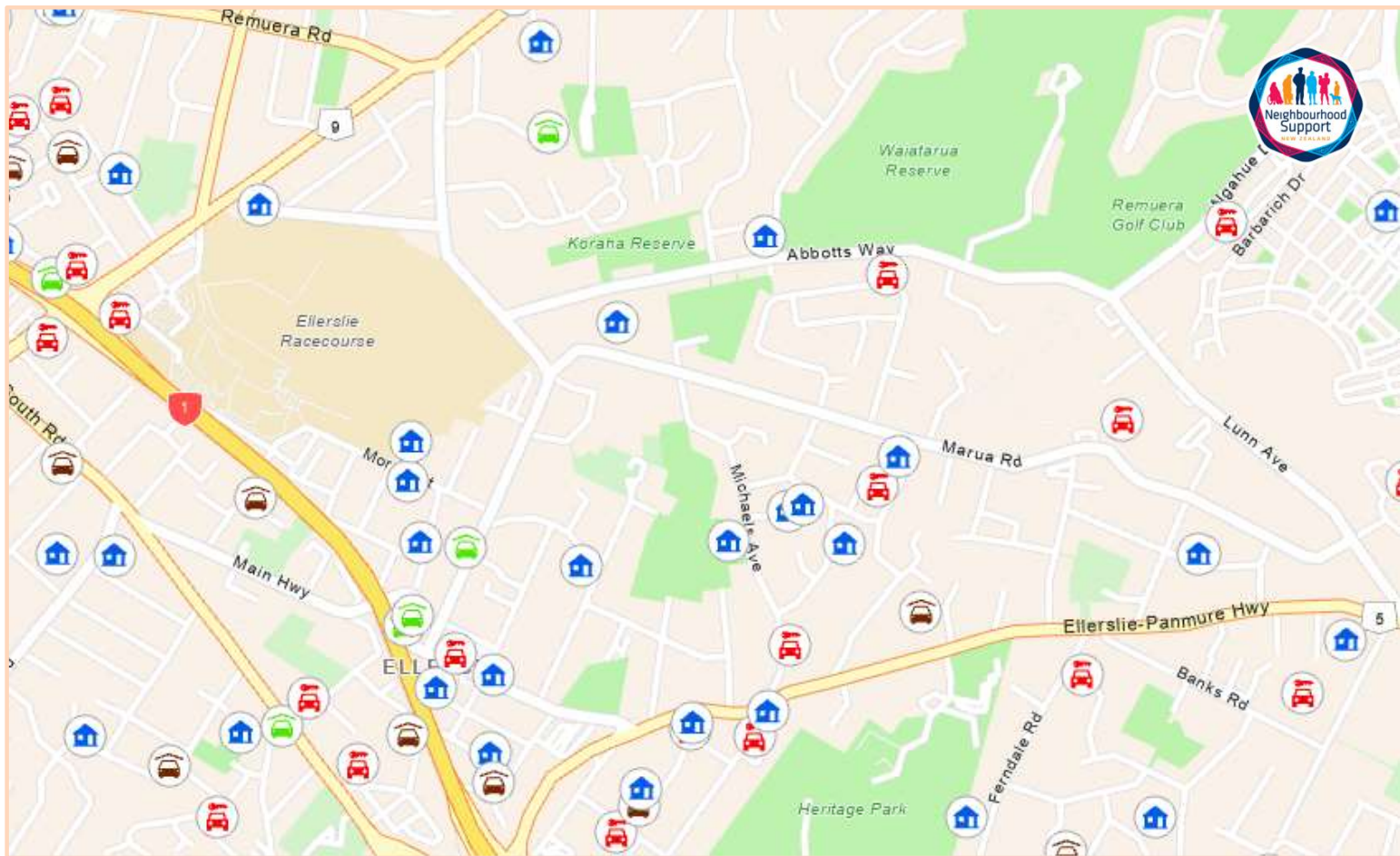
Royal Oak – Epsom South June 2023

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Reducing burglary opportunities

Knowing how a burglar thinks and operates is good background information to help put things in place to prevent you, or someone you know from becoming a burglary victim.

Burglaries can account for more than 50% of all property crime in our communities.

- Set up or join a Neighbourhood Support Group in your area and advertise the fact by displaying Neighbourhood Support signs and stickers.
- Make sure doors and windows, and other entry and exit points from your house have good quality effective catches and locks. Deadlocks are the best, so always get into the habit of using them.
- Always lock doors and windows at night.
- Keep garden sheds and garages secure, and lock away any valuables such as bikes and garden tools.
- Have an alarm system professionally installed, and consider getting home security cameras which are now very affordable. Door bell cameras are a great option as they can notify the owners of people coming to the address whilst recording their movements.
- Trim Trees and shrubs which may hide a burglar's activity.
- Fences are great, however these may also conceal a burglar's activity and reduce passive monitoring by neighbours who can't see your home.



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- Install sensor lights on main paths and entry points. Additional lighting will help deter unwanted visitor while increasing the effectiveness of home cctv cameras.
- Get to know your neighbours and develop plans to deal with problems or suspicious activity. Exchanging phone numbers or emergency contact information is a great start. Members of Neighbourhood support are especially good at doing this.
- If you're going away, ask your neighbours to keep an eye on your property, clear mail, mow berms etc. You want to make the property look lived in and not do anything to suggest that the house is temporarily vacant.
- Don't post images on social media whilst your on holiday. Some criminals may have access to these sites and target your home while you're away.
- Don't place boxes of your new purchases out on the curb side. This may elude to the fact that you have new items of value in your home.
- Above all, remember that burglars like easy and tempting opportunities. Don't overlook the obvious and do all you can to reduce the risk of being burgled.
- Record serial numbers and keep a property record database. There are a number of very good phone apps such as 'Hoist' which was created for this very specific purpose. Phone apps enable you to record all your purchases and export your property list information to your email address which you can share with Police.



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Preventing vehicle crime

Putting security measures in place to prevent vehicle crime may be some of the least affordable actions you can do prevent yourself from becoming a victim of car crime. These types of crimes involving motor vehicles can account for as much as 50% of all reported property crime to Police.

- Install an alarm system or engine immobilizer on your vehicle.
- Use a good quality steering wheel lock, and ensure that it is fitted in the correct manner that makes removal by criminals difficult.
- Install anti-tamperproof screws on your licence plates. Licence plate is very common and is associated to more serious types of crime.
- Install a wheel clamp to prevent your vehicle, trailer or boat from being stolen.
- Remove all contents from inside your vehicles. If you leave it on show, expect it to go. The majority of car crime is committed by opportunists, and in most occurrences the damage caused to gain entry to your car can be greater than the value of the property stolen.
- Park in well lit areas. Try to identify public areas with CCTV cameras, nonetheless the forementioned actions are the best deterrents to preventing car crime.





Personal Safety for Seniors

Plan Ahead

- Make a list of the phone numbers of people you can call in an emergency and keep a phone by your bed. You may be able to pre-programme these numbers for speed dialling.
- Arrange with a neighbour to look out for you. For example, arrange for a neighbour to phone or visit you if you have not drawn your curtains by 8.00am.
- Consider getting a medical or personal alarm that you can activate in an emergency

Don't be tricked

- Don't open the door to strangers. Look through a peephole in your door or through a window, and always ask who it is. If you don't know them, keep the door closed.
- If someone you don't know asks to use your phone, offer to make the phone call yourself. They don't need to enter your home and you don't need to open the door.
- Don't do business with strangers who come to the door or call you by phone.
- Don't discuss your finances with strangers or give out details of your bank or credit cards over the phone.
- Talk to friends and get several quotes before you employ tradespeople. [Age Concern](#) may be able to recommend someone.
- If you think someone is trying to cheat you, contact the Police. You may be able to prevent someone else from being tricked.



General Safety tips

- Don't open the door to strangers.
- Never admit to being alone.
- Install a wide-angle peephole in your door.
- Install security chains on the inside of external doors.
- If someone asks to use your phone, say no. Keep them locked out and direct them to the nearest phone box or offer to make the call for them.
- If you receive a wrong number phone call, don't chat and never give out your name and address.
- Ask for a security checklist from your Neighbourhood Support contact or Community Constable



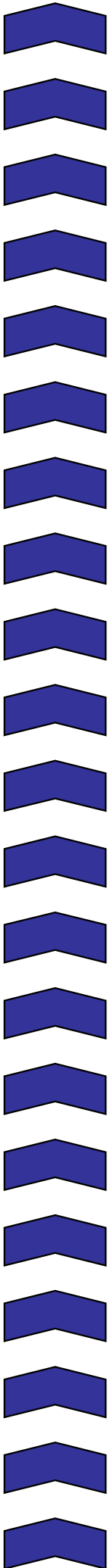
Keeping your information safe online

How do I protect my passwords?

- Choose a password that is difficult for others to guess. For example, don't use your pet's name, your birthday, or 1234.
- Preferably use a mixture of letters, numbers and symbols. It's safest to use different passwords for different accounts.
- If one password is compromised, the rest of your accounts will be safe.
- If you need to write down your passwords, keep them hidden somewhere (not in your wallet, or by your phone).

How do I protect my information online?

- Make sure you've got up-to-date virus software, especially if your shopping or banking online. Look for the padlock on the web page, which suggests it's secure.
- Emails from people you don't know often contain viruses that let others access your computer. Don't click on any links or attachments and delete emails without responding.
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- Think carefully before sending an email or putting something on a webpage. Once your information's out there, you cant take it back. If you use Facebook, set your profile to private so you only share information with people you choose

You can help make your Neighbourhood safer

Don't be put off calling 111, Your call is important regardless of police ability to attend. There will be times when serious risk to life and property may prevent attendance, however your call is still important to us. Be patient and if necessary call back. Your call may help determine future proactive police and community patrol deployment.

111 - Police Emergency

- You or your property are or someone else or their property is in immediate danger
- You are witnessing someone committing an offence eg. Assault, Tagging, Breaking into cars
- An offence has been committed and the offender is still present.
- Someone acting suspiciously

105 Police Crime Reporting Line <https://www.police.govt.nz/use-105>

- You wish to report an offence or suspicious behaviour that has happened and doesn't require emergency attendance

*555

- You wish to report bad driving or boy racer activity

0800 555 111 Crimestoppers if:

- You wish to report some information about crime whilst keeping your identity anonymous

(09) 3010101 Auckland City Council

- You wish to make a noise complaint: It can be loud cars, music or people!
- You wish to report graffiti

0800 7867 8247 (0800 STOP TAGS)

- You have information about a tagger operating in your area

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