

IPS Fire & Security Newsletter

ATM Machine Scam

Sad to say but very recently Saltdean / Rottingdean ATM Machines were tampered with and local residents were affected. This is just a warning to remind you to always take care when using these machines. Cover entry of your PIN, be wary of people around, do not get distracted by 'well meaning' strangers.

Check the machine has not be tampered with and a card reader not been added! If your card should be withheld phone your bank or emergency card number there and then! Make sure this important number is on your mobile phone.



Fire Can Kill

A working smoke alarm can buy you and your family the valuable time you need to get out, stay out and call 999. But you are more than four times as likely to die in a house fire if you don't have a working smoke alarm.

Many people will have a list of household tasks and DIY plans for the summer, so why not just add this simple test to the 'to-do list'. It is also a perfect opportunity to test alarms for older relatives (or neighbours) who might find it hard to reach their alarms but who are often at greater risk.

A working smoke alarm is a proven life saver and is absolutely essential to keep you and your family safe. But only half of all householders who own a smoke alarm say that they test it is working on a regular basis.

Don't take the chance on your family's life. Do it now and make checking your smoke alarm a household habit on a regular basis.

Utility Password Scheme

Password Schemes are available from all Gas, Electric and Water companies. The scheme works by enabling customers to register an agreed password. Then, whenever a homeowner receives a call or visit to their property by someone claiming to be from a utility company, they should always ask for the password.

If the caller cannot provide the homeowner with their personal password, they should not let them into their property or continue with the phone call.

Call your utility company for more information on the password scheme.

Stopping Nuisance Telephone Calls

You can register with the 'Telephone Preference Service' and this will stop telemarketing calls originating from within the UK. You can set this up online very easily and it takes 28 days to become fully effective. Unfortunately, it does not stop telemarketing call that originate from outside the UK.