**CRIMESTOPPERS – what you need to know**

**In an emergency; call 999**

Crimestoppers Trust is an independent crime-fighting charitable organisation in the United Kingdom. Crimestoppers operates the 0800 555 111 telephone number, allowing people to call anonymously to pass on information about crime.

**What I should not / cannot report to Crimestoppers**

* Report an emergency.
* You are a victim of crime.
* Benefit fraud.
* Scam emails or phone calls.
* Untaxed vehicles.
* Minor driving offences.
* Dumped vehicles.
* Noise complaints.

**Who are Crimestoppers?**

They are an independent charity that gives people the power to speak up and stop crime – 100% anonymously. They believe everyone has the right to feel safe from crime, wherever they live.

**What they do**

Crimestoppers run a unique online reporting form and 24/7 telephone service which allows the public to remain 100% anonymous when giving crime information.

**How do they do it?**

Whether you call or use our online form Crimestoppers won’t ask for any personal details. They’ll ask you questions which could help solve crimes, but they don’t want to know your name and won’t even record whether you’re male or female.

**Read more about how Crimestoppers keep you completely anonymous.**

Anonymous information can help keep communities safe. Have you seen anything crime-related on your street? Perhaps it’s unsettling you, maybe you know what you’ve seen is crime-related - or it could just seem suspicious. Burglaries and theft don’t just cost you money, they can be very upsetting too.

**Tell Crimestoppers about**:

- Someone who is committing burglaries in your area

- Planned break-ins – where and when

- Gangs who target vulnerable victims

- Who is selling stolen goods, and where

- People who steal car keys from homes, and then take the car

- The motives for theft and when weapons are used

- Unexplained wealth on your street

- The people behind car crimes

- If you see lots of visitors to a neighbour’s house at unusual times……………... be a **‘Stopper’**.

If you have information about a crime, talk to Crimestoppers 100% anonymously. Simply call their freephone on 0800 555 111 or tell us what you know online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

**Does my information really make a difference?**

Yes - information from Crimestoppers has saved lives, reunited people with stolen goods, brought peace to grieving families and helped bring people to justice too.

**I’m not sure whether my information is useful?**

If you have the name, address or car registration number of the potential perpetrator of the crime you’re off to a good start. Crimestoppers ask you further questions to learn more about what you know.

**Will Crimestoppers know who I am?**

Crimestoppers never knows who you are. Which means they can never tell law enforcement who you are. This means you are 100% anonymous and will never be called to testify.

**Benefits of using the service**

- Unburden yourself of information about crime without talking to the police

– You won’t be called to testify

-Keep your community safe by doing the right thing.

**Staying anonymous on the phone**

• They can’t see your phone number.

• Your call is never recorded.

• The telephone line is scrambled so it is impossible to redial or track the source of your call.

• The call doesn’t show up on your phone bill.

**Staying anonymous online**

• They don’t ask for any personal details.

• Your IP address is scrambled so Crimestoppers won’t know what device sent us the information.

• Their form will ask you different questions depending on the crime type you have information on.

**Other ways of reporting crime**

Remember that you can also report crime and suspicious behaviour online at [www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-crime/](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-crime/) or by phone on 999 in an emergency or 101 if not urgent. Following up by email can help local Police deployment in the following days, however, this is not for initial reporting. salisburyareaCPT@wiltshire.police.uk