

Police issue safety advice following Morningside attack



Police Scotland is issuing home security advice following the incident in the Morningside area on Friday (11th July) when an elderly woman was attacked within her home.

Police are reminding homeowners that thieves can take advantage of open or unlocked doors or windows as homeowners spend more time outdoors during the summer months.

It's therefore important to secure your windows and doors even when in your garden as thieves can slip-in undetected.

Police would also urge people to look out for their neighbours, particularly if they are elderly or vulnerable, and if you see anyone suspicious in the area you should contact police.

Chief Inspector Richard Horan said: "Morningside is an area that is safe despite the serious nature of the incident last Friday. Residents should be assured that we have a dedicated team investigating this incident. We have also stepped up high-visibility patrols in the area.

We have been delivering home security leaflets around the area as there are safety measures you can take to help ensure your home is secure. Residents across the City can contact their local policing team for a security check of their property. Officers will offer free advice and tips on how you can secure your home and protect it from thieves. If you see anything suspicious in the area make sure you report it to police."

Police also have security advice if you receive unsolicited callers at your home.

Keep your front and back doors locked.

Use the door viewer or nearby window before answering the door.

Fit a door chain or bar – and use it.

Only let callers in if they have an appointment and you have confirmed they are genuine.

Ask for identification, but don't rely on it – it can sometimes be fake.

If you don't know who the caller is, and you're not expecting them, don't let them in.

Don't be persuaded by persistent callers, if need be arrange a different time when a family member or friend can be there.

Look out for those in your community and report any suspicious activity to Police Scotland on 101.

If the person refuses to leave or you feel scared or threatened Phone 999 and ask for the Police. · Please remember, if in doubt keep them out.