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Its Christmas Time

With the Christmas Season approaching, this year is no different from the last as crime rises. From protecting your business to keeping others safe, find all the latest news and tips, here.



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CRIMES TO LOOK OUT FOR AS A BUSINESS OWNER THIS CHRISTMAS

The holiday period can unfortunately often be the worst for crime, with an average of 450 burglaries, 65 robberies 1000 thefts committed every day during this time. Some of the worst affected areas were West Yorkshire, closely followed by the West Midlands. Although each case is separate and unique, there are some factors which are more common causes of crime over the Christmas period such as: increased alcohol and drug consumption, stress, financial strain and pressure.

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Theft, robbery, employee crime, cyber fraud and supply/warehouse fraud came out as the most common crimes. The most stolen products included electronic devices, computer games, clothing and food.

For more advice and information on how to protect your business please visit our news page:

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CHRISTMAS NEWS

Police Warn of the Dangerous Risk of Drink Driving

Last year a 14-year-old and an 83-year-old were among more than 300 motorists caught drink driving around Christmas. Police have already launched their winter anti-drink and drug driving campaign this year.

Assistant Chief Constable Alan Todd said just one drink could kill and urged people to plan their journeys home safely during the festive period.

From the end of November 2018 to 1 January 2019, 11,500 people were stopped and

tested by police. Of those motorists, more than 322 failed and were arrested.

"That's 322 people who'll be put before the courts, lose their licences, face social embarrassment, potentially losing their jobs, certainly facing retest before being allowed back on the road and facing significantly higher insurance bills," Mr Todd stated.

"But, in many ways, those are the lucky ones that we caught before they were involved in either killing or seriously injuring a fellow road user, in which case they could be looking at a prison sentence."



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Police say they will be running "targeted operations" 24 hours a day over the period. They can legally carry out random breath tests at authorised vehicle checkpoints. In addition, every motorist who has been stopped by police on suspicion of any traffic offence will be breathalysed.

The message from police is simple: never ever drink or take drugs and drive.

Uber loses its licence in London over safety and security concerns

Transport for London said the company was 'not fit and proper' to hold a minicab licence. Uber was expected to appeal the decision. TfL claimed at least 14,000 trips involved uninsured drivers who were able to exploit vulnerabilities in Uber's software. Uber began operating in London in 2012. The company, has an estimated 50,000 drivers. Uber was granted a temporary two-month licence in September following an earlier decision by TfL to refuse an application to operate.



While we recognise Uber has made improvements, it is unacceptable that Uber has allowed passengers to get into minicabs with drivers who are potentially unlicensed and uninsured.

– HELEN CHAPMAN, TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

TfL's decision not to renew Uber's licence in London is extraordinary and wrong, and we will appeal.

We have fundamentally changed our business over the last two years and are setting the standard on safety. TfL found us to be a fit and proper operator just two months ago, and we continue to go above and beyond.

On behalf of the 3.5 million riders and 45,000 licensed drivers who depend on Uber in London, we will continue to operate as normal and will do everything we can to work with TfL to resolve this situation.

– JAMIE HEYWOOD, UBER

GUILTY PLEA FOR UNLICENSED SECURITY BOSS WHO CLAIMED BUSINESS WAS "JUST A HOBBY"



A Swindon man who claimed that his security business was "just a hobby" has pleaded guilty to working without a licence.

James Barnett, the director of Gold Shield Group Ltd and its three subsidiaries, made the admission at Swindon Magistrates' Court on Thursday 17 October.

Barnett undertook security contracts and deployed security operatives despite the fact that his Security Industry Authority (SIA licence) was suspended in March 2017. Nathan Salmon, of the SIA's Criminal Investigation Team, said: "The business of providing protection for people and property is a very serious one.

In no way can something that is so important be described as a "hobby". That importance is why there is a firm system of regulation in place for security businesses. The SIA, as the regulator, take a very dim view of anyone who seeks to flout the law for their own profit. Mr Barnett deceived the public, and his clients, by purporting to be a legally-operating security provider."

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