

Keep your mobile phone SAFE



Mobile phone theft is a crime and Dorset Police treat it very seriously

Protect your phone

- Encourage your friends and family to register their phones on the **Immobilise** web site. It really is an effective tool to help fight crime. This is a FREE online property database that allows you to register anything with a serial number.
- Keep a record of your IMEI number and your phone number and keep these in a safe place separate from your phone. Your IMEI number (15 digit serial number) can be accessed by keying *#06# into most phones or by looking behind the battery of your phone. If your mobile is lost or stolen and you've reported this reference number to the police, it can be placed on a lost or stolen database, which can lead to it being returned.
- Record the model, phone number and PIN number details. Keep them somewhere safe.
- Use an ultra violet property marker. Put your post code and house number underneath the battery and on the back of the battery itself.
- Register the phone with the Service Provider. If the phone is reported stolen the SIM card can be blocked.

Out and About

- Avoid displaying your phone in public wherever possible and try not to use your phone in very crowded places.
- Keep your phone out of sight when not in use.
- Be aware of your surroundings and be alert when you are out and about.
- Keep your phone with you at all times. If you are worried about someone taking it at school or if you are out, leave it at home.
- Only give your mobile number to your family, friends and people that you trust.
- Don't lend your phone to someone you don't know or trust, or put it in a place where other people could get hold of it.
- If someone is pressuring you into giving them your number, tell someone about it such as a teacher or a parent.
- Most phones allow you to lock your phone with a PIN code. If you don't have the code you can't unlock it, so if anyone steals your phone they won't be able to use it.
- Always remove it from your vehicle when unattended.
- If you have Bluetooth on your phone, keep this switched off when you are not using it.
- Report a stolen phone to police (non-emergency number 101) and your network provider immediately. Your network can bar calls from a stolen phone as long as it's been registered.

