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Welcome to the 2020 Year-End Blackheath CID Newsletter.

And so the end of 2020 is upon us.

And what a year this has been. Despite all of the challenges we have faced together this year, we have survived and we have continued to prosper.

My appeal is that business owners and their responsible representatives take the necessary precautions between now and the New Year to ensure that your property and staff are safe and further that your immovable assets are properly protected during the December shut-down period.

In partnership with ST3 Security, Local Law Enforcement and the South African Police Service, the BCID will continue to patrol and secure the Industrial Area throughout the Shutdown period.

I have already sent out various information and advice Newsletters relating to the risks associated with COVID-19. Please protect yourself and your family adequately.

The BCID team will continue to prioritise the upgrade of local infrastructure in the New Year and the ongoing maintenance of the current infrastructure whilst marketing Blackheath as a sought after and well positioned Industrial Node.

We wish you all a safe and pleasant festive season with the warmest and best wishes for a prosperous 2021!

Kind regards,
Brendan van der Merwe

Security guidelines for the 2020 Shutdown period

Ever year in December we send out an email to assist with planning for the Christmas Shutdown Period. We find that very often companies lack planning for this time when the Industrial area is pretty much deserted and the surrounding residential areas are well, fully populated, with everyone being on holiday.

This year, again, the Christmas shut-down period will run for an entire month from the 11th of December 2020 until the 11th of January 2021. This situation creates the perfect setting for opportunistic crime and criminals to operate within the area and we therefore need to ensure that our assets are safe. Also though, it is important to protect our homes, whether we are away or staying home during this time and then also to protect ourselves and our families and planning for this therefore is essential.

DO NOT pay your staff in cash or pay staff cash bonuses this December! DO NOT handle cash on site this December if you can help it. **Manage cash safely and avoid holding cash on site at all costs. Dangerous criminal elements are operating in the Cape Metro at this time and they want cash! You WILL become a victim of crime if you handle large amounts of cash at your premises without taking the necessary precautions. Please do not make yourself a victim of an armed robbery. Armed robberies are terrible life changing events that could leave deep emotional scars and even end in fatalities!

Attached are some guidelines that I send out annually to assist with planning and we hope that this year we all enjoy a safe and festive end of year break, happy in the knowledge that we have prepared ourselves well and that our assets are safe and accounted for, whilst the Blackheath Industrial Area is patrolled and kept safe by ST3 Security and various other Private Security Companies and the local divisions of Law Enforcement, as is the case every year.

Remember to contact the BCID's Security Supplier, ST3 Security's Mr Adolf Bezuidenhout for support with any Security issues on 021 905 3399 Or 086 000 BCID (2243) to make a report of any Security Risk within the Blackheath Industrial Area or contact me directly for any advice.

Security guidelines for alarm and key holder services when you are away from home / the office

- Before we know it the holidays will be upon us and I appeal to you, prior to going away on holiday, to

PLEASE
ensure
that
your
key
holder
information
with
your
alarm
response
company
is
still
relevant
and
correct!

- PLEASE
ensure
that
your
key
holder
lives
nearby
and
that
they
are
willing
to
assist
in
your
absence.
It
is
no
use
having
a
member
of
your
family
who
lives
far
away,
as
the
role
of
a
key
holder
is
to

meet
the
Armed
Response
officer
at
the
business
/
residence
when
the
alarm
is
activated
to
enable
them
to
inspect
the
property
properly.
If
possible,
the
designated
key
holder
should
hold
keys
to
the
premises
as
well
as
the
alarm
keypad
code
so
that
they
can
give
the
armed
response
officer
access
to
the
premises
to
ensure
that

no
one
is
inside
and
if
necessary
the
key
holder
can
reset
the
alarm.

- Your
armed
response
supplier
can
include
"special
instructions"
onto
your
details
on
their
systems
for
specific
procedures.
This
may
include
Medical
aid
details,
allergies,
or
details
of
the
family
Doctor.
- You
are
also
reminded
to
update
employee
details
such
as
their
name
and
days

that
they
may
work.

IF YOU ARE AN ST3 SECURITY CLIENT:

Call ST3's Head Office on 021 905 3399 / 079 274 9841, Fax: 021 905 0122 or Email: operations@st3group.co.za

Security Guidelines for Cash in Transit

DO NOT TRANSPORT CASH AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR AND DO NOT PAY CASH WAGES – YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED! – THIEVES OPERATE IN AND AROUND BANKS AND IN AND AROUND INDUSTRIAL AREAS AT THIS TIME OF YEAR AND ESPECIALLY ON FRIDAY THE 15th OF DECEMBER 2017!

IF YOU INSIST ON TRANSPORTING CASH OR ARE FORCED TO – please remember that:

Preparation - You are strongly advised to use a suitable vehicle fitted with steel cash box, radio communication and an alarm system. You may be required to do it with the firm's van or a company car.

Warning - The Police Crime Prevention Unit hereby advises you about certain precautions you should take to minimise the risks involved with this type of exercise.

Plan the route - if cash transit is to be a regular task, try to vary your route and timings. Use a different vehicle from time to time. Keep your plan secret. Consider the use of a safe. Plan for an alternate route - escape in case of attack.

The crucial moment - The high risk time occurs when ENTERING or LEAVING the vehicle with the money.

Before leaving the bank or office - check around the queue, inside and outside of the building for anyone loitering or for suspicious vehicles parked nearby.

If in DOUBT - stay inside until the route to the vehicle is clear.

At your destination - With the cash, remain inside the vehicle until you are satisfied that all is CLEAR.

The escort - if any, should leave the vehicle before the cash carrier, then both must enter the building as quickly as possible.

In case of a minor accident during the journey, don't leave the vehicle if you are involved in what appears to be a minor accident. Beware of a staged accident.

Cultivate and adopt suspicious attitudes - Don't speak to suspicious persons. Bear in mind that a malefactor could work under disguise. This trick has already been used in a number of occasions.

What you should do if you are being tailed once you are suspicious? - Slow down to allow the tailing vehicle to overtake or make a detour of your planned route to see if it stays behind you. If the vehicle keeps following you, drive directly to a place of safety. Note the vehicle

registration and description and pass this information on to the Police immediately.

Protecting the elderly

- Cover up expensive looking jewellery when going out alone to the market, the medical practitioner or to the chemist.
- Beware of pick pockets during pay days (pension).
- Avoid short cuts whilst going to the bank or returning home.
- Never accept a lift from a stranger or from people you have just met.
- If

in
danger
scream
to
draw
attention
for
help.

- It
is
always
advisable
to
be
accompanied
whilst
going
out
to
the
hospitals,
banks
or
the
post
offices.

- If
you
are
alone
at
home,
never
open
to
a
stranger.
Talk
to
him
through
the
window.

- Check
the
credentials
of
any
stranger
before
you
open
the
door
fully.
Ask
to
see

the
identity
card.

- Keep
a
friendly
relationship
with
your
neighbours.
They
will
be
the
first
persons
to
help
in
case
of
need.
- Never
keep
large
sum
of
money
in
your
house.
Cash
is
safer
in
banks
and
in
post
office
accounts.
Protecting
your
children
- To
be
Safe.
Teach
children
that
everyone
has
rights;
no-
one
should
take
away

their
right
to
be
safe.

- To
protect
their
own
bodies
-
Children
need
to
know
that
their
body
belongs
to
them.
They
must
say
NO
to
whosoever
touches
particularly
the
private
part.

- To
Say
NO
-
Children
have
to
say
NO
to
any
one
if
that
person
tries
to
harm
them.

- To
get
help
against
bullies
-
Tell

children
to
enlist
the
help
of
friends
or
an
adult
in
cases
of
real
physical
danger.

- Keeping them safe is the most important consideration

-
Tell children not to fight to protect their belongings against bullies.

- To tell
- Reassure your children that no matter what happens, you will not be angry with them and that you want

them
to
tell
you
of
any
incident.

- To be believed - Children need to be believed and supported, especially in cases of sexual assault as children very rarely lie about it.
- To not keep secret - Teach children that some secrets should NEVER be kept, no matter if they promised not to tell. Child molesters often say that

a
kiss
or
touch
is
"our
secret".
To
not
talk
to
strangers

-
Teach
children
to
ignore
any
stranger.
They
do
not
have
to
be
rude,
they
can
pretend
not
to
hear

-
walk
quickly
or
run
away.
To
break
rules.
Tell
children
that
they
have
your
permission
to
break
all
rules
to
protect
themselves
and
to
stay

safe.

Safety tips for teenagers

- Be sure that your parents always know where you are and how to contact you.
- If possible go out accompanied by friends and return home with them.
- If you do go out alone, arrange transport to and from where you are going, with a relative, friend or taxi and confirm arrangement for your return

journey
before
you
set
off.

- Don't
accept
the
offer
of
a
lift
from
someone
you
have
just
met.
If
any
one
calls
don't
let
him/her
into
the
house.

- Ask
telephone
callers
to
ring
back;
don't
tell
them
you
are
alone.
It
helps
to
keep
a
list
of
emergency
numbers
in
case
of
problems.
Wherever
you
are
be
aware

of
how
to
make
an
emergency
call
and
the
quickest
way
out.

After an aggressive attack

- Go
to
a
place
where
you
will
feel
more
secure.
- Inform
a
friend,
a
doctor
or
the
Police.
- The
sooner
the
case
is
reported,
the
better
it
will
be
for
the
early
arrest
of
the
aggressor.
- Don't
wash
yourself
or
change
your
clothing

prior
to
an
examination
by
the
Police
Medical
Officer.

- Don't forget you are only the VICTIM. DO NOT FEEL GUILTY for what may have happened. Your help to track down the attacker is imperative, before he relapses. Your Home
- The fence outside is the first line of defence.
- The front of the house is to be visible to

passers-
by
so
that
any
burglar
cannot
work
unseen.

- Thorny
hedges
at
the
boundary
are
an
additional
deterrent.
- Lock
ladders
inside
the
garage
or
shed
to
prevent
a
thief
from
using
them.
- Don't
hide
your
house
keys
under
the
door
mat
or
in
a
flower
pot.
A
thief
will
look
there
first.
- Never
leave
a
garage
or
garden

shed
unlocked,
especially
if
it
has
a
connecting
door
to
the
house.

- Don't advertise your absence by leaving lights on outside of the house during the day. Rather use a time switch to turn the light on and off.
- Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice.
- Front-door to be fitted with a dead lock - Mortise lock.

- Use a door viewer to identify the caller before opening the door.
- Put the door chain on before you open to a stranger.
- Do not leave keys in the door lock.
- Small windows, skylights or bathroom fanlights might need locks. It is possible for the thief to wriggle through any gap larger than a human head. Reinforce the

windows
and
other
openings
with
burglar
proofing.
Always
lock
up
your
home
before
leaving.

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