

Advice on keeping your cat safe

If you are concerned about any suspicious activity towards cats in your area, **Cats Protection** and **Neighbourhood Watch** advise the following:

- If you believe someone is acting suspiciously towards cats in your area then alert your local Neighbourhood Watch, neighbours and report your concerns to the local community police officer and/or the RSPCA via their cruelty line **0300 1234 999**
- You may want to consider working together with your neighbours to set up additional monitoring in the area and publicise this to help dissuade anyone from antisocial or criminal behaviour

If you can, safely make note of the following:

- Description of the individual
- Times when suspicious activity took place
- Number plate/description of car (if relevant)

You may also want to make notes on any CCTV cameras in your area which may have captured images and could be accessed.

There are things that cat owners can do to help minimise the chances of your cat becoming a target. These include:

- Keeping your cat indoors at night
- Ensure your cat can be identified – either by quick release collar or ideally by microchip
- Help to avoid unwanted litters and reduce roaming by ensuring your cat is neutered
- Consider taking out pet insurance to give you peace of mind and the financial means to treat your cat should anything unexpected arise
- Take photos of your pet so you can put up posters if they go missing

For more information download **Cats Protection's *Essential Guides: Keeping your cat safe*** at www.cats.org.uk/cat-care/care-leaflets

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