

## Police Advisory:

We are alerting residents to a recent rise in burglaries targeting properties undergoing renovation or building work. Offenders are taking advantage of sites where tools, materials, and security may be temporarily reduced. These locations can appear unoccupied or easy to access, making them attractive targets.

### PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY AND TOOLS CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE:

- **SECURE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:**  
Remove tools from site overnight where possible. store them in locked vans, secure containers, or robust lockboxes.
- **IMPROVE SITE SECURITY:**  
Install temporary CCTV, motion-sensor lighting, and alarm systems.
- **CONTROL ACCESS:**  
Ensure gates, fencing, and scaffolding are secured. lock ladders away or lay them flat to prevent easy access to upper levels.
- **USE SIGNAGE:**  
Display warning signs indicating CCTV, alarms, and property marking are in use.
- **KEEP THE SITE TIDY:**  
Avoid leaving valuable materials visible or accessible.
- **ENGAGE NEIGHBOURS:**  
Ask nearby residents to report suspicious activity, especially outside working hours.
- **VARY ROUTINES:**  
Avoid predictable schedules for deliveries or work patterns where possible.

### IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

#### REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY:

- 999 – EMERGENCY /CRIME IN PROGRESS
- 101 – NON-EMERGENCY
- REPORT ONLINE VIA YOUR LOCAL POLICE WEBSITE:  
[WWW.MET.POLICE.UK](http://WWW.MET.POLICE.UK)

