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### Contacting Kent Police

Please remember in an emergency **always dial 999**

For any non-emergency enquiries please visit the Kent Police website where you can:

- Submit an online report of a crime or other incident
- Use our "Live Chat" function
- Contact Crime Stoppers
- Follow links to our Social Media platforms including Twitter and Facebook
- Find information about Crime Prevention and our Partners
- Call 101



Your local Neighbourhood Police Officer  
**PC 12757 Sophie Bramble**

### What is StreetSafe?

As part of the government's agenda to tackle violence against women and girls, we are using an online tool called StreetSafe to enable people, particularly women and girls, to report locations where they feel or have felt unsafe and to identify the features on why that location made them feel unsafe. The focus of this is to identify particular areas and factors that lead to people feeling unsafe and might help offenders either commit or conceal a crime – such as street lighting, abandoned buildings or poorly designed spaces, vandalism, as well as behaviours of individuals or groups of people. StreetSafe is anonymous

<https://www.kent.police.uk/notices/street-safe/street-safe/>



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### Shop in Deal has alcohol licence revoked

A shop in Deal which sold a bottle of vodka to a child has had its licence to sell alcohol revoked. Kent Police investigated after being informed of a medical incident involving a child in the town on 31 January 2025.

It was established that the 15-year-old boy involved had earlier purchased a bottle of vodka at Upper Deal Convenience Store in London Road.

CCTV from the store was obtained which showed the boy had not shown anyone any proof of his age before he was allowed to buy the bottle of spirits.

Kent Police also received reports the store had sold tobacco products to school children in recent months.

Licensing officers applied for a review of the shop's alcohol licence and, following a licensing hearing at Dover District Council on Monday 7 April 2025, the store's licence was revoked.

Kent Police is also part of the Community Alcohol Partnership scheme in Deal and Dover which sees police, local authorities, schools, and retailers work together to highlight the risks of underage drinking.



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### Crime Prevention Advice

I have recently received reports of potential Rogue Traders operating in the area of Deal.

Rogue Traders generally seek to carry out services that are either completely unnecessary or substandard. If cash is paid in advance, they will often leave without starting any work or they charge inflated or excessive prices for work carried out. Services offered will include cleaning driveways, gardening or roof and guttering repairs.

We advise residents:

Don't allow anyone to pressure you into agreeing to have work carried out.

Please do not hand over any money, cheques, bank cards or bank details to anyone before work is carried out, and if the price seems too much or they change the price during or after work is carried out, please contact one of the following:

Police – call 101/999

Action fraud - [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

Citizens' Advice – [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/get-more-help/report-to-trading-standards) or attend Jubilee Centre, Sandwich every Monday at 1300 hours.

Don't ever go to a bank or cash point with a trader; legitimate traders would never do this. Ask for quotes in writing and check that the tradesperson is from the company they say they are from. Consider using reputable traders who are members of the KCC Trading Standards approved trader scheme, you can check this at [www.tschecked.kent.gov.uk](http://www.tschecked.kent.gov.uk).



**NO UNINVITED TRADERS - DOOR STICKERS** complete the online form with your details and permission to have a door sticker posted to you (Kent residents only) [Kent County Council Public Protection](http://Kent County Council Public Protection)



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### DO YOU HAVE A SECURITY OR DOORBELL CAMERA?

**Sign up to our CCTV Registry and help keep your community safe.**

**It's free, secure, and quick to register**

Your camera footage could be used to support investigations, bringing criminals to justice, and making your area a safer place to live.

**Please note:**


- We do **not** have access to your cameras.
- We can only view the location of registered cameras.
- We always contact the camera owner to request footage.

To register or learn more, go to [cctvregistrykentandessex.co.uk](http://cctvregistrykentandessex.co.uk)



**Kent Police**

Kent Police has launched a secure database to ensure our officers and staff know the locations of privately held CCTV cameras – including doorbell cameras, conventional CCTV and 'smart' cameras – which we would strongly encourage you to join. The signup process is straightforward, and you will only ever be contacted where it is felt that your camera may be able to assist Kent Police with our work such as crime investigations or missing persons. You can sign up at [www.cctvregistrykentandessex.co.uk](http://www.cctvregistrykentandessex.co.uk) and we thank you in advance for your support of this vital new technology.



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### Electric Scooters – know the law

Although e-scooters can be great fun, it's **against the law** to ride one on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. Please share this information with friends and family.

E-scooters are classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as driving licence, insurance, number plates, lighting, road tax, crash helmets etc. **Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road.**

The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK.

For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

It's our priority to keep you and other road users safe.

We are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances we have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act – and we'd really prefer not to.

For more information about powered transporters and the law, visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)



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