

SPIKE IN OPPORTUNISTIC CRIME DURING LOCKDOWN

South Africa – Fidelity ADT urges residents to remain vigilant about home security following a recent spike in opportunistic crime during the nationwide lockdown period.

“We have received numerous reports of theft of electronic devices such as cellphones from joggers, walkers and cyclists and even laptops and iPads through open windows or unlocked doors,” explained Fidelity ADT national marketing and communications manager Charnel Hattingh. Opportunistic thieves are aware that families will be working remotely from home and that children are continuing with online schooling via electronic devices. As such, these criminals will be on the lookout for easy opportunities to take advantage of vulnerable properties. “The best defence against burglars, opportunistic thieves or armed robbers is to make your property as unattractive to criminals as possible by implementing extra precautions to keep your belongings safe, inside and outside the home,” said Hattingh.

With families at home, there are cars in the driveway, bicycles, toys and tools in the garden and often doors, windows and security gates are left open. All these things appeal to criminals and your house could be targeted, during the day or night.

“Keep your security gates locked at all times and ensure the keys are removed. Activate early-warning systems such as garden beams and/or electric fencing and ensure these are linked to armed response. Make sure your alarm is working properly in all zones of the house,”

added Hattingh.

Get the whole family involved in security and ensure they know where the panic buttons are, how to use them and who to phone in an emergency. Also, remain alert when out during the designated times of 06:00 and 09:00 and ensure all valuables are well covered. “Tightening up small vulnerabilities can amount to a huge relief when it comes to home and personal security. Remain vigilant and do not leave anything to chance during the lockdown,” Hattingh concluded.

Fidelity ADT, press release extracts, 6 May 2020



HELP WAAR JY KAN

Rustenburg – Life Changing Ministries wil vir die mense van Rustenburg, Koster en omliggende areas baie dankie sê vir al die donasies wat hulle ontvang het.

Die nood is egter steeds groot en die gemeente wil weereens vra dat die gemeenskap asseblief hul harte sal oopmaak in hierdie moeilike tyd.

Die gemeente help tans geweldig baie mense met kospakkies, maar benodig nie-bederfbare voedsel asook badseep, sjampoe, spuitgoed, waspoeier en skoonmaakmiddels. Daar is ook 'n groot behoefte aan babaprojekte.

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ADOPTIONS DURING LEVEL 4 LOCKDOWN

South Africa – The National Council of SPCAs (NSPCA) sent a request to the COVID Nerve Centre Committee on behalf of all SPCAs and animal welfare organisations around South Africa, asking for their permission to allow adoptions to re-open under the level 4 restriction. To date, the NSPCA has not received a response. We continue to pursue the matter.

We would like to assure the public that ‘rehoming’ animals is important to the SPCA, however, we are obligated to adhere to any law or regulation set out by the South African government. As it stands, it is unclear whether or not adoptions are permitted. The concerns surrounding adoptions are that access to the SPCAs are severely restricted – this is for the health and safety of the staff members who are vital for the welfare of the animals in their communities, as well as the health and safety of members of the public.

It is noted that during level 4 of lockdown, sterilisations by veterinarians are now permitted, however, non-essential travel is still not allowed. Any person wishing to adopt an animal from an SPCA is required to meet the animal first – this is not only to get to know the prospective adopter, but to also see how the animal reacts to the prospective adopter. Good, quality homes are a

prerequisite for any responsible ‘homings’. The travelling to the SPCA to meet the animal, and then to collect the animal after sterilisation, as well as the entry into the SPCA is where the validity of adoption becomes murky.

We implore SPCAs, welfare organisations, and prospective adopters to ensure that all actions taken to adopt an animal are done so legally, cautiously and without prejudice. When laws are broken, the whole of animal welfare stands to suffer.

NSPCA press release, 6 May 2020



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Weather Report North West RUSTENBURG

Friday	15	May	2020	23°C - 7°C
Saturday	16	May	2020	24°C - 7°C
Sunday	17	May	2020	22°C - 7°C
Monday	18	May	2020	24°C - 8°C
Tuesday	19	May	2020	24°C - 8°C

Rainfall probability (%)

0

Sunrise 06:40
Sunset 17:49

At time of print

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

ZAR / USD	18.40
Rand/Pound	22.58
Rand/Euro	19.97
Rand/Aus Dollar	11.91
Dollar/Pound	1.23
Pound/Euro	1.13
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