



A Big Hi to all of the great Omaha people out there September 2011

Please settle in for another thrilling read from your local Security Company!

Patrol-wise we have had quite a lot on at the moment where along with our normal 24/7 Patrol duties of Warkworth, Omaha & surrounds, we also have a permanent Night Shift guard out at the Puhoi Toll Booth (some strange people keep smashing up the ATM machine there!)

Our Technicians have also been very busy with the installation of alarm systems in the plethora of new homes that have sprung up everywhere lately. Great to see people feeling confident about the economy and their futures again

Alarm systems in new homes – please be aware...

It is disturbing however to see that in a few of the new homes going up around Omaha that some House construction companies are getting their unqualified Electricians to throw in alarm systems as part of the house package.

We keep finding in a number of these cases;

- That the alarm system is poorly installed and does not cover key areas of the house
- That the alarm system is an 'off the shelf' package that can be purchased reasonably cheaply and does not have the functionality or protection of a reputable system
- That the Electrician installing the alarm system is not Justice Department licensed to install Security systems. This lack of authorisation will invalidate any Insurance claim you might have in the future for burglary or fire at the property.

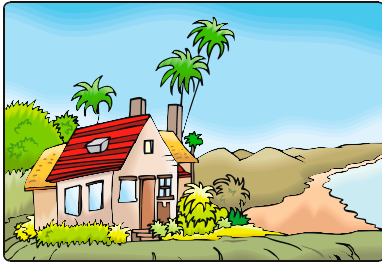


If you feel that your home may have been compromised in this manner, please give us a call here at Insite and we will have one of our Technicians carry out an inspection of your property. If we can correct some of these basic errors then we can then give the property an official sign-off that will validate your insurance requirements.

Insite Security install literally hundreds of totally compliant alarm systems every year which allows us to provide you with very competitive pricing.

Holiday Home Rentals

After a break of one year, this New Year's Eve is likely to be more spectacular and busy than previous years with the 'High Life Entertainment Concert' to be held once again at Matakana Country Park.



If previous years are anything to go by I expect that a number of Home owners around the Beach will be looking to rent out their properties for periods over the Holiday Season

Please can I urge extreme caution with any temporary 'unproven' tenants that you might be considering for your Omaha property. It is absolutely amazing how a Mum, Dad and two kids can suddenly transform themselves into a pack of hard partying 20 year olds!

A drunken mob can cause huge damage to a home in a very short time and your neighbours are unlikely to thank you for the intrusion into their peace and quiet

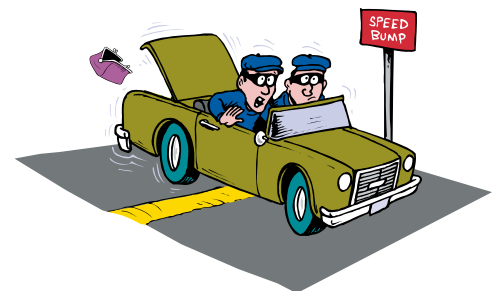
Criminal catches...

Just having a moment of reflection on some of the criminal catches we have had out at Omaha over the past year or two;

1. Theft - One nice sunny Saturday afternoon, a tourist lady visiting Omaha for the day had parked her vehicle up in Omaha Drive for a few minutes. Suddenly without warning her handbag was stolen from the passenger seat of her car through the open passenger's window – all this while she was sitting in the driver's seat!

The offenders then sped off out of Omaha in their own vehicle

The tourist lady's English speaking skills weren't all that good but fortunately some nearby Residents recognising that something was going on went to her assistance. A phone call to the Insite Office and within half an hour we had the Registration number of the offending vehicle



Some Police liaison followed and a few hours' later 2 offenders from the Hibiscus Coast were arrested and charged with this theft

2. Burglary - In February of this year one night around midnight, a couple living in Darroch Slope noticed two people pull up in a vehicle opposite their house and immediately begin acting suspiciously by apparently perusing unoccupied properties in the street.

They immediately phoned the Insite Office and within 10 minutes or so I arrived at the street together with our Warkworth Patrol Officer.

From information given to us by this couple we approached ('stormed' perhaps a better word!) a set of bushes in the Southern Isle and were able to apprehend a 20 year old male person hiding there. In his possession was a jemmy bar and a sharpened chisel.

Information then gained from this person caused us to immediately focus an address in The Southern Isle where we found a window had been forced open and stolen property moved outside in obvious preparation for removal by the thieves.

Unfortunately the second offender had become aware of our presence in the street and had escaped out the backyard and into the Beach Walkways.

This person was fortunately apprehended by Police several hours later as she tried to sneak back into her Residence, several kilometers away from Omaha

3. Theft - In January of this year at about 2.30pm one afternoon I received a phone call at the Office from a very upset female Resident in Taumata Rd

She advised that her husband was presently out pursuing two offenders who had just stolen the copper lights off the front of their home.

As I was in Warkworth at the time I immediately began racing for Omaha calling for Police assistance along the way. At this time a second phone call was received from the Complainants passing on the Registration number of the offenders' vehicle

A Police Patrol and I arrived at Omaha within minutes of each other and started Area Patrols trying to locate the offender's vehicle – passed on by the husband who had just returned home having recovered his two lights from the offenders and had noted details of the vehicle they were using.

Police then set-up a series of roadblocks and a short time later got the offender's vehicle stopped up in Whangaripo Valley Rd – 4 offenders were located in the vehicle

A search of this car revealed 3 recently stolen copper down-lights and an admission from one of them that they had thrown others out the window into the Omaha Causeway while they were rapidly departing Omaha!

All 4 were taken back to the Wellsford Police Station for interview and admitted having 'hit' Omaha on a number of occasions in the previous week or so.

These 4 were later charged with around ½ a dozen offences involving thousands of dollars worth of lights and copper drainpipe stolen. The resulting damage to Omaha Residents homes as they ripped the lights straight off outside walls was also significant!

My point in telling you all about these incidents.....

In each of the cases described here, the information leading to the capture of the various offenders came directly from Omaha Residents who were alert to events happening around them - noting descriptions of offenders and vehicle registration numbers and most importantly, immediately ringing us and letting us know what was going on.

Insite Security & our Local Police cannot keep Omaha the relatively crime free area it is without this sort of support from you Guys.

Alarm Monitoring

Insite presently monitors the alarm systems of over 450 Omaha Residences. We also back up this service with Rapid Response Patrols who attend at Omaha homes when an alarm system activates to ensure that the property is not being broken into and is otherwise secure.

The alarms that go off in the middle of the night or disturb your holiday breaks with incessant ringing are **NOT** monitored by Insite. As well as protecting your home and possessions there are a significant number of other advantages in having your alarm monitored. Please feel free to contact me at chris@insitesecurity.co.nz and I will let you know of all the other benefits for you and your family.

Fishing News

Boy did I get some stick for not having a Fishing article in the last edition of Security News! My sincere apologies to my fellow Fishos out there and I will endeavour not to let you down again! Steve and I snuck away from work last week and had a magic day out at Pakiri. Got our bag limit in a couple of hours. The most amazing thing was seeing the Fish Finder on a couple of occasions

absolutely black with massive schools of fish passing thru!

I haven't seen these sort of numbers around in years and it certainly bodes well for being a great season out there

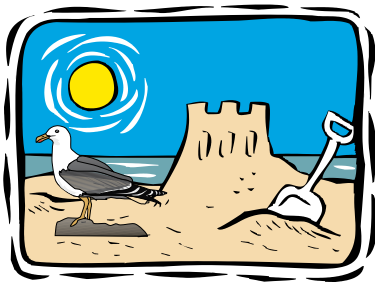
Shortly we will begin to see schools of bait fish arrive in the Bay and this can be a spectacular sight when they are in close to the Shore!

Gotta feel a little bit sorry for the little fish tho – underneath them will be big packs of kingfish herding the school fish into 'meatballs' for smashing runs and above the water you will get dozens of gannets launching themselves into the masses of small fish milling about.



If you see this sort of work-up happening, get your bait rod into action and nail a few live baits. Get them back into the water with a big hook in them on decent line strength and preferably under a balloon at the end of your leader – then hold tight!

Our fishing spots at the moment – Pakiri out from the River in about 45m of water (as it starts to get warmer the fish will move in closer to the Beach) Use your fish finder and drift around until you come onto a patch, chuck the anchor down and get some berley down to hold the fish around you. Plastics work one day and not the next. Try a couple of rods out with a variety of baits and see what the flavour of the day is? Fish are quite fickle at the moment but will get less picky once spawning starts to come on. Some local fishers have been doing well off Takatu Point (one even catching a decent sized crayfish on a plastic bait out there! A couple of minutes later he picked up a 10 pound snapper!)



The usual game plan applies – early morning or dusk are the best fishing times

The weather is really brightening up and the new birdlife down the Southern end is just fantastic! Please keep planting those flowering native trees and bushes – the birds adore them!

Look forward to seeing you around the Beach soon

All the best

Chris

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