



Reporting a Crime

Have you reported a crime? What happens in Scotland? What do the police do?

SUMMARY

An illustration of what happens when a 999 call is made. The eight police forces in Scotland are shown and the different roles that the police play is discussed. The main roles of the police are to protect lives and property, to prevent and detect crime and to preserve order.

Check you know the keywords

police, 999 call, Strathclyde, crime prevention, crime, law, modern studies, Scotland

Watch the video about the police in Scotland.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/3923.html>

- 1) How do most people report a crime?
- 2) How many 999 calls does this police station in Glasgow get every month?
- 3) How many police forces are there in Scotland?
- 4) Which one do you live in?
- 5) Which is the largest police force?

Listen to Caroline and fill the gaps:

The police _____ several roles in society _____ the main roles that they do have is to protect life and _____, to prevent and detect crime, and to preserve order.

_____ most police forces would say that their role is to preserve community _____.

The majority of people are law-abiding, _____ in any society there is a minority who will break the law.

Without there being a police force, that minority _____ be more willing to take the law into their own _____, and to act against the benefits of the majority of society.

It's _____ that a police service is there to maintain that order.



Check your answers

- 1) By phone, calling 999.
- 2) About 30,000 on average.
- 3) 9.
- 4) Lothian and Borders (probably!)
- 5) Strathclyde.

“The police have several roles in society but the main roles that they do have is to protect life and property, to prevent and detect crime, and to preserve order.
Today most police forces would say that their role is to preserve community safety.
The majority of people are law-abiding, however in any society there is a minority who will break the law.
Without there being a police force, that minority may be more willing to take the law into their own hands, and to act against the benefits of the majority of society.
It's important that a police service is there to maintain that order.”