



## THEME 7

# Staying Safe

## Theme introduction

### Background

The Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW) for the year ending September 2017 states that crime is not a common experience for most people, with 8 out of 10 people who were surveyed not being a victim of crime. However, fear of crime is something that may affect people from all walks of life at any stage of their lives. This makes it different from actual crime, which tends to be concentrated on particular areas and victims and is committed by a small number of offenders. Examples of fear of crime include an older woman who feels nervous about walking home, parents who feel anxious about sending their child to the corner shop, or a shopkeeper who goes tense every time a customer enters his shop. If we let it, the fear of crime can have a devastating effect on our quality of life.

### National targets/policies<sup>1</sup>

The first duty of the government is to keep citizens safe and the country secure. The Home Office has been at the front line of this endeavour since 1782. As such, the Home Office plays a fundamental role in the security and economic prosperity of the United Kingdom.

The Home Office is the lead government department for immigration and passports, drugs policy, crime, fire, counter-terrorism and police.

The Home Office's priorities are to:

- cut crime and the harm it causes, including cyber-crime and serious and organised crime
- manage civil emergencies within the remit of the Home Office
- protect vulnerable people and communities
- reduce terrorism
- control migration
- provide world-class public services and contribute to prosperity
- maximise the benefits of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union

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<sup>1</sup>: Sept 2018 [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/about](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/about)

## **This theme**

This theme was developed to support vulnerable people to live independently. Feeling safe in one's own home and building assertiveness skills may lessen fear of crime. The topics in this theme are:

- Fire
- Home safety
- Home security
- Not being a victim

## **Further information and suggestions**

Teachers and learners may wish to contact local crime reduction initiatives. There has been a shift of power from Whitehall to local communities in the approach to fighting crime. More information on crime reduction can be found on local authority websites and on <https://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/>.

## Mapping to Functional Skills/Core Curriculum

Topic	Functional Skills		Core Curriculum	
	English	Maths	Literacy/Language (L)	Numeracy (N)
1 Fire	E3.10 E3.8 E3.12 L1.15 E3.6 E3.6		Rs/E3.2 Rt/E3.2 Rt/E3.9 Rt/L1.3 SLd/E3.1 SLd/E3.2	
2 Home safety	L1.15 E3.8 E3.21		Rt/L1.3 SLd/E3.3 Wt/E3.2	
3 Home security	L1.15 L1.2 L2.9 L1.2		Rt/L1.3 SLc/L1.2 SLc/L2.1 SLd/L1.2	
4 Not being a victim	L1.15 L1.7 L1.2		Rt/L1.3 SLc/L1.1 SLlr/L1.3	