



Neighbourhood Watch in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby

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This weekly eNewsletter is compiled by Neighbourhood Watch volunteers as a service for residents in Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby council areas. The eNewsletter is a new type of Neighbourhood Watch; utilising the available technology to keep people more connected and up-to-date with local crime and safety issues.

The eNewsletter includes a selection of posts from the [Ku-ring-gai PAC Facebook page](#) (also known as 'eyewatch'), primarily for those not familiar with Facebook. We add anything interesting from a Neighbourhood Watch point-of-view - this could be a local newspaper article, a roadwork warning, crime prevention tip(s), an upcoming Neighbourhood Watch meeting, Q&As from residents, or an item from another Police command ("Crooks know no boundaries!").

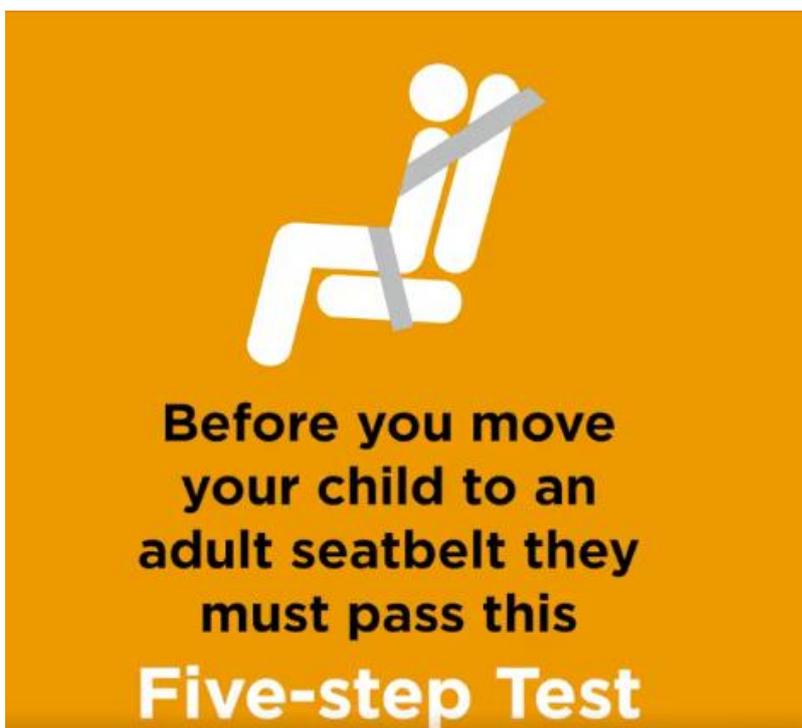
🚗 Have you seen anything we should share with the community? [Please email](#) our NHW in Ku-ring-gai & Hornsby volunteers. We do value your contributions. Thank you for your support.

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colleagues and neighbours.

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10 June, NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV



Every child is different, but as a general guide you should only move your child to an adult seatbelt when they're 145cm or taller, and no longer fit in their booster seat. Try this five-step test to assess whether your child is ready.

Find out more [here](#).

Watch video [here](#).

9 June, from Traffic and Highway Patrol Command - NSW Police Force

P PLATERS LONG WEEKEND SETS HIM UP FOR A SERIES OF LONG WALKS.

About 8.45 am this morning, Police attached to Ku-ring-gai Highway Patrol were proactively patrolling the Killara area when they detected a P1 driver using his mobile phone and not wearing his seat belt.

The driver was issued with an infringement notice for each offence. Due to long weekend double demerits the infringements carried a total of 16 demerit points. The driver is now more than \$670 out of pocket.

All P1 drivers have a limit of 4 demerit points.

6 June, from Kuring ai Police Area Command

A heartening story for you this afternoon.

Our youth are our future. This young lady proved that.

A young girl (teenager at the time) was mixing with the “wrong crowd”. She began to skip school, take drugs, consume alcohol, steal from retail stores and ended up on bail after nearly going to jail for a very serious crime. She had little to no respect for police, or for herself for that matter.

Her then boyfriend often abused and assaulted her. After an incident, police took out an Apprehended Violence Order to protect her from him. Even she wasn't too happy about this at the time. A short time later he went to jail for quite a while on various matters.

One evening a few years later, police stopped a vehicle for a random breath test. From within the vehicle the officer heard, “Are you Senior Constable (Surname)?” The officer looked a little puzzled at first then answered, “yes I am”.

The young lady, as she was now, introduced herself and thanked the officer for taking an interest in her welfare at a time when she wasn't particularly interested in her own welfare, and for taking out the Apprehended Violence Order to protect her,

telling the officer that by doing this he had made a big difference to her life. They spoke on the side of the road for another ten minutes or so.

She had changed. No longer on drugs and consuming alcohol, but now with a new set of friends, she had got a job, began to respect herself and others and took responsibility for her own actions.

It wasn't just what the officer had done, it was she who had done the hard work, stripping away the toughness, leaving the scene she had become a part of and learning to respect herself and others. With the love and support of her family, along with hard work, dedication and a goal in mind, she achieved.

She showed that the youth have got what it takes to become valued members of the community. This young lady proved that!

5 June, from Kuring Gai Police Area Command

There are instances where crimes and suspicious incidents or activities go unreported to police.

If we don't know, we cannot do anything about it.

And please understand that reporting something on social media is not reporting it to police.

CONTACTING THE POLICE & REPORTING CRIME

* NSW Police needs you to report crime so that you and our communities are safer.

* NSW Police operates 24 hours a day, all year round. We can take action based on information that you provide, and crimes that you report to us.

* Remember, if you do not report, crimes cannot be prevented or solved.

* Reporting crime at the time gives police the best chance of catching the offender/s.

* There are four ways to report crime in NSW.

1. Triple zero (000)

Triple zero (000) connects you to Police, Fire or Ambulance, depending on your situation. Only dial this number if you want to report a crime in progress or it is a life-threatening situation.

2. YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATION

You can call or visit your local police station at any time to report a crime.

3. 131444 POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE (PAL)

You can call PAL to report minor crimes that have already been committed (crimes that are not in progress) and which do not involve traumatised victims or require urgent police attention or attendance.

4. 1800 333 000 CRIME STOPPERS

If criminal or suspicious behaviour or activity is not occurring right now please phone Crime Stoppers (1800 333 000).

5 June, from NSW Road Safety - NSW GOV

It's easy to get distracted on the bus when using your phone or wearing headphones. But to ensure a safe, smooth trip for everyone remember to stay alert and press the button well before your stop to give the driver plenty of time to stop safely.

Watch video [here](#).



Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities

Dates for the Diary:

Wednesday 12 June: FREE Ku-ring-gai Council Child Car Seat Safety Check Day
9am - 2:30pm. Bookings open: 9am Monday 20 May. Ph: **9424 0898**. [Info](#).

Thursday 13 June: Safer Driver Course @ Hornsby PCYC 4:30-6pm [Info](#).

Wednesday 19 June: DV Expo 9:30 - 12:30 @ Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pymble

Wednesday 10 July: \$100 Ku-ring-gai Youth Services First Aid Course. 8:45-
4:30pm @ Gordon Library [Info](#).

Thursday 11 July: Safer Driver Course @ Hornsby PCYC 9:30-11am [Info](#)

Thursday 29 August: Community Safety Precinct Committee meeting.

Monday 30 September: Gordon NHW Area 3/4 (Turramurra) meeting. 7:30PM in
the lounge area, Turramurra Uniting Church, Turramurra Ave. All welcome.
Tea/coffee & biscuits available.

**11 June, Shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community
Group:**

Good morning everyone,

I've seen a few posts recently about attempted break-ins and suspicious activity in
the area.

My partner got up this morning to see that his 4WD (parked on Elouera Road,
Westleigh) had been broken into over night and some UHF radios were taken. We
are reporting it to the police. If anyone has any information please DM me.

It's so incredibly frustrating and sad that people like this exist in such a warm and
supportive community.

Stay safe everyone 😊

8 June, from Thames Valley Police: A 'must see' for parents of teens.

If you're still struggling with consent just imagine instead of initiating sex you're making them a cup of tea. Animation courtesy of Emmeline May at rockstardinosaurpirateprincess.com and Blue Seat Studios. See more [here](#).

7 June, from Australian Federal Police

16 million.

That's how many drug deals won't happen as a result of an almost 1.6 tonne shipment of ice being seized in Melbourne by the ABF and the AFP. This is the largest ever seizure of ice on our shores.

Imagine the devastating impact this would have had on our streets.

Illicit drug use is a whole-of-community issue that affects the health and safety of our loved ones, mates and neighbours.

So, that's why we need the community's help – YOUR help – to catch the people responsible. If you know anything, contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Watch video [here](#).

7 June, from NSW Police Force: Man Missing



Police are appealing for public assistance to locate a man missing from Sydney's west.

Caleb Sury, aged 21, was last seen on Regent Street, Chippendale, on Tuesday 4 June 2019.

His family contacted Parramatta Police Area Command when he failed to return home yesterday (Wednesday 5 June 2019).

Police and family hold concern for his welfare.

He is described as being of Caucasian appearance, about 180cm tall, of medium build, with short brown hair, brown eyes and a goatee beard.

Caleb was last seen wearing a brown motorcycle jacket, blue jeans, brown boots and a white collared shirt.

Anyone with information on Caleb's whereabouts is urged to contact Parramatta Police Station on (02) 9633 0799 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000 or visit [this site](#). Information is treated in strict confidence. The public is reminded not to report crime via NSW Police social media pages.

6 June, Shared from Berowra Community group. Gwandalan Cres.

Just wondering if anyone else has had a tradie in orange high vis come to their door to say he was there to install guard rails on the roof? I saw him on my ring doorbell but was busy with my baby downstairs so just ignored it but carried on watching him through my phone. He then realised there was a camera and covered his face and then jumped down the side of my house and proceeded to walk around the back. I was then trying to watch what he was going to do from inside the house but he saw me through the window so I confronted him from the balcony. He told me that the insurance company had sent him to my address to install guard rails on the roof but I have no roof works going on at all and neither does anyone else in my street. He didn't even look at the roof from the front of the house. He then ran back up the side of my house to the passenger seat in a white ute with a ladder on top which was running the whole time and they sped away. My house is surrounded by bush and quite secluded so has easy access and would be easy for no one to see anyone breaking in. Just a bit startled as I am often here

alone with young kiddies and often don't want to answer the door or don't even hear it if I am downstairs.

6 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW: NEXT OF KIN PROGRAM, Developed by NSW Police Force

Next of Kin is the person you would like police to contact in case of an emergency.

The Next of Kin Program helps people living alone to have the contact details of their nominated person recorded at a local police station.

The contact details of the Next of Kin, as well as the nominated doctor, dentist and any medical alerts that would help in an emergency situation will be entered onto a register. Any information provided will be securely stored and only accessed by NSW Police.

This information may assist the police and emergency services to contact a relative or other nominated person if needed in an emergency situation.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Contact your local police station and ask to speak with the Crime Prevention Officer about the Next of Kin Program.

The Next of Kin Program is a FREE to join. Application form [here](#).

6 June, From Stay Smart Online

If your home Wi-Fi connection isn't secure, then neither is your data!

Make sure your home router or modem has the strongest encryption turned on in its settings, which is WPA2.

More tips [here](#).

6 June, Shared from Berowra Community group:



From the Hornsby Advocate Thursday 6 June [[Online edition here](#)]

Street Watch [Page 11]

BEROWRA

A 31-year-old Bankstown man is due to front court after allegedly breaking the speed limit by more than 60km/h while also driving on a suspended licence on the M1. Police observed the man driving about 105km/h through a 40km/h road work zone on the M1 heading southbound near Berowra. He was stopped and spoken to. He has been charged with driving while suspended and also exceeding the speed limit by more than 45km/h.

WAHROONGA

A piggy bank containing about \$150 and two watches were stolen from a property in the vicinity of Spring Gully PI between Tuesday, May 21, and Friday, May 31. A kitchen window was smashed during the break-in. Police are investigating.

ARCADIA

An 18-year-old Galston man has been charged with mid-range drink driving after being stopped for a random breath test on Galston Rd about 12.40am on Saturday. The man allegedly failed a roadside breath test and was taken to Hornsby police station. He allegedly returned a breath analysis of 0.090 and will front court at a future date.

HORNSBY

A vehicle parked on Hunter Lane was broken into overnight on Saturday and about \$4000 cash was stolen. The vehicle was broken into sometime between 4.30pm on Saturday and 7.15am on Sunday.

DURAL

A 33-year-old man has been charged for allegedly driving with cannabis and methamphetamine in his system after undergoing a random drug test on Old Northern Rd about 2.30pm on Saturday. He was stopped by police and allegedly failed an oral drug test. Another sample was taken and has been sent away for further tests. He has been charged with drive with illicit drug present in oral fluid and is due to front court at a future date.

REGIONWIDE

Drivers are being reminded not to get behind the wheel of a car if they have been drinking, following strict new laws which came into effect last month. Anyone caught driving while over the alcohol limit will now have their licence immediately suspended for three months and receive a hefty fine, including for low-range drink drivers.

HORNSBY

A group of three people ran out of the bottle shop at Hornsby Inn after stealing two packs of Jim Beam alcohol on Tuesday about 9.30pm.

HAWKESBURY RIVER

Four motorcycle riders were stopped on Old Pacific Highway after allegedly riding their bikes between 130km/h and 140km/h along an 80km/h stretch of road near the Hawkesbury River Bridge about 10.30am on Sunday, May 26. Three of the male riders were given suspension notices and their number plates were confiscated. A fourth rider is also likely to receive a suspension notice, police say.

BEECROFT

A 23-year-old Beecroft woman has been given a fine for shoplifting after attempting to steal items from a supermarket. About 1.30pm last Tuesday, the woman entered a supermarket in Macquarie Park. She selected a number of items off the shelf and placed them into multiple bags she had with her. The woman then went to the self-service checkout where she paid for one item and allegedly left without paying for the other items she had in her bags. She was stopped by security outside the supermarket. Police were called and issued her a fine for shoplifting. THE cause of a fire which destroyed a home at Berowra Waters is still under investigation.

Firefighters were called to the home overlooking Berowra Creek about 9am last Wednesday.

Close to a dozen Rural Fire Service and Fire and Rescue crews worked to fight the blaze, which had already destroyed a home and was threatening two others when firefighters arrived.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai RFS district officer Bill Robb said the cause of the fire was still under investigation.

A resident told the Advocate that the owners of the home had been renovating it for at least four years.

**From the North Shore Times Thursday 6 June [\[online edition here\]](#):
Scammers target Vivid [Page 11]**

Organisers of Vivid Sydney are warning festival-goers to be wary of online fraudsters after at least 200 people were duped into buying fake tickets to ride the event's new ferris wheel attraction in Chatswood.

Online scammers have put a dark note on the annual festival of light by flogging off fraudulent tickets for the attraction on social media and websites including TryBooking and OzBargain.

The scam involved the too-good to be true offer of reduced priced or free tickets, which are sold for \$8 at the gates.

Organisers said ride operators unwittingly accepted at least 200 fake tickets before some festival-goers complained the online tickets could not be scanned. Comments to the TryBooking website showed other festival-goers used their tickets "with no issues".

Willoughby Council – which runs the Chatswood event – said the offer of free tickets indicated the scam could also have involved "identity and password theft".

“It’s unfortunate that a scammer has seen this community event as an opportunity to scam the ferris wheel operator and members of the community,” a council spokeswoman said.

“The initial batch (of tickets) were accepted by the operator, but any tickets not purchased from the ticket booth at the ferris wheel will not be accepted in future.”

The event is far from the first to be targeted by fraudsters with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) last year receiving more than 1000 complaints about ticket scams, adding to a total loss of \$380,000.

The ACCC said consumers should always try to verify a seller’s identity and legitimacy of tickets before paying for goods online or from people they do not know.

The council said any passwords entered for the online tickets should be changed if used elsewhere.

Wrong Delivery [Page 15]

Two men were lucky to avoid criminal charges after stealing two motorbikes from Domino’s Pizza on 29/5. The theft was noticed by the store manager the next morning. CCTV images showed the motorbikes being taken by two males just after midnight. Police made inquiries at a nearby pub and identified two men, 21 and 25, who attended North Sydney Police station later that day. The motorbikes were returned and the men apologised, allegedly admitting to making a poor decision. Domino’s were happy to get the motorbikes back and did not want any further action taken.

6 June, From Fire and Rescue NSW Station 037 Gordon



Another shift another accident, this time the Parkway. Especially in these slippery conditions please drive with extra care. Also a reminder that loose items in an accident can act like a missile. Secure loose items in the boot, a pocket or the floor. Unfortunately both cars & the tomato soup and milk couldn't be saved this time.

5 June, from Crime Stoppers NSW

Winter is a time where home fires become even more of a risk. There are some simple steps you can follow to reduce your risk of a fire in your home.

- 🔥 Have a suitable number of Smoke Alarms installed in your home. Change the battery at least once every 12 months.
- 🔥 Make sure you and all your family know TWO safe ways out of every room in your home
- 🔥 Have a written home escape plan in case of a fire and practice it regularly. Find more info here: <https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=883>
- 🔥 Never leave cooking unattended
- 🔥 If you have a fireplace make sure the chimney is clean and make sure there is a screen in front of it when it is in use
- 🔥 Check electric blankets for damaged or frayed cords before placing it on the bed
- 🔥 Take care keeping curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters
- 🔥 Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre away from heaters or fireplaces
- 🔥 Clean the lint filter to your clothes dryer every time you use it
- 🔥 Only use one appliance per power point and switch off power point when not in use
- 🔥 Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed. Never leave open flames unattended and always handle candles or any other open flame with care
- 🔥 Store matches and lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.
- 🔥 Remember that smoke from a fire will make you confused and that you cannot see in smoke

🔥 When asleep you will not smell smoke and it will in fact put you into a deeper sleep.

🔥 If you have escaped from a home fire, remember once you get out, stay out and call Triple Zero (000).

🔥 Oil, gas or wood heating units may require a yearly maintenance check

🔥 Only ever use fuses of recommended rating and install an electrical safety switch.

[For more information on fire safety in your home visit this site.](#)

5 June, from dailytelegraph.com.au: Four people charged over alleged kidnap, assault on teenager in Gordon

Four people have been charged after a teenager was allegedly kidnapped and assaulted at a secluded bush track on Sydney's north shore.

Police allege the 15-year-old boy was taken to an area along Blackbutt Creek Track in Gordon where he was repeatedly assaulted and held against his will by a man and three other teenage boys on April 10.

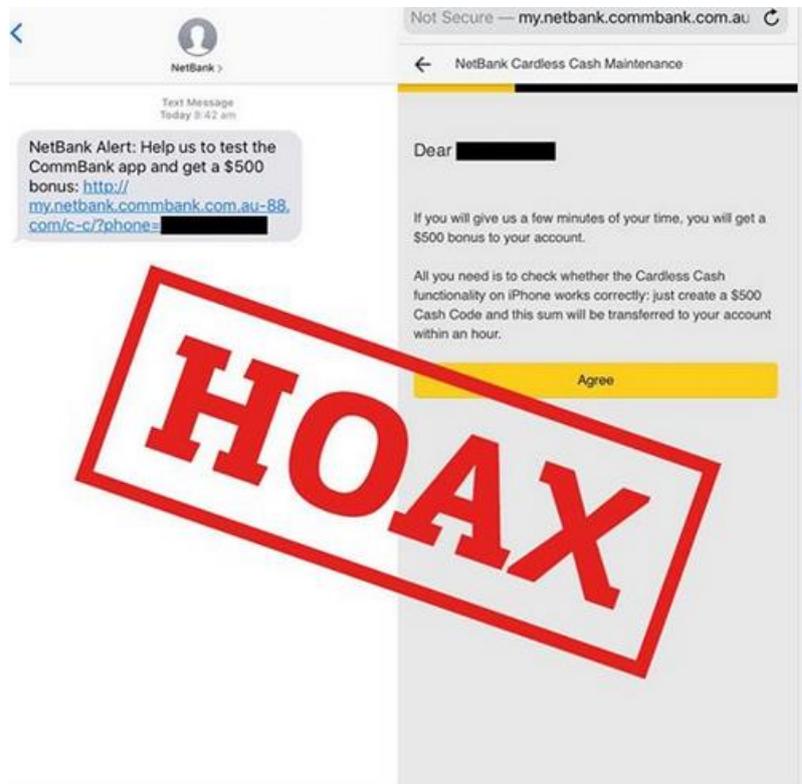
Detectives from North Shore Police said the group allegedly forced the victim to contact his father requesting a "large sum of cash" be paid for his safe release.

The accused offenders – a 15, 20 and two 16-year-olds – are alleged to have held the victim at the area for more than two hours.

Police said the accused – who were not known to the victim – fled the scene after believing police had been called to the area.

Read details [here](#).

5 June, From Commonwealth Bank



△ Hoax Alert: We're aware of a hoax SMS offering a \$500 bonus for testing Cardless Cash. If you receive this SMS report it to hoax@cba.com.au then delete it.

5 June, Shared from Thornleigh, Westleigh and Normanhurst Community Group:

Car collision witness request - My car is a Black Captiva SUV. Yesterday evening at 6.05pm, I was traveling west along Bellamy St Pennant Hills between Malahide Rd and Boundary Rd in the left hand lane. A red Mazda 6 changed lanes from the Right lane to the left lane and collided with my car on the right hand middle and front. We got out of our vehicles and she apologised profusely and said she had made a mistake and it is all her fault. We exchanged all details and then even went home and texted our insurance details. Today I lodged my claim with my insurer, citing that she is at fault and they rang the driver who then claimed that she wasn't

moving at all and she isn't at fault. The damage on my car totally disputes her claim. At this point I am furious. Therefore, if there is anyone in the area that may have witnessed the incident or has dash cam footage, can you please PM me as I would love to speak with you. Thankyou all for reading

5 June, from the-ambient.com

How the rise of smart neighbourhoods could make your street safer.
Vivint's Streety app turns smart homes into connected communities.
Read details [here](#).

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & LINKS

Emergency (Police/Fire/Ambulance): 000

NSW Police - Ku-ring-gai Police Area Command (PAC): 9476 9799

Hornsby Police Station, 292 Peats Ferry Road, Hornsby 2077

Ku-ring-gai Crime Prevention Officer: 9476 9723

Local Police Facebook page: [@Kuring Gai LAC](#)

Non-emergency two-way communication

Crime Stoppers: 1800 333 000

Report crime anonymously

Report suspicious activity asap

Police Assistance Line (PAL): 131 444

For non-urgent minor crime

[NSW Police Community Portal](#)

Online reporting of non-emergency minor crime: lost property, intentional damage, graffiti or theft.

Interpreting & Translating Services: 131 450

[NSW Police - website](#) for crime prevention advice

Never be afraid or embarrassed to report a crime, concern or fear you have to the Police. The Police are here to help you.

Neighbourhood Watch within Ku-ring-gai and Hornsby:



Website NHWKuringgaiHornsby.org.au



WatchOut! WatchOut.org.au - our one-stop-shop for crime prevention



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Email NHWKuringgaiHornsby@gmail.com

Local Facebook pages:



WatchOut! Our Crime Prevention [WatchOut! Facebook page](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Berowra](#) (technical issues)



[Neighbourhood Watch - East Killara](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia, Dural \(Rural Areas\)](#)



[NHW Galston, Glenorie, Arcadia & Dural \(Rural Areas\) Facebook Closed Group](#)



[Neighbourhood Watch - Gordon](#)



[Gordon \(NSW\) Community \(incl NHW\) Facebook Closed Group](#)



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