

## **Fear of crime**

**Cost category** **Costs in anticipation of crime**

**Cost item** **fear of crime**

**Definition** These are the costs experienced by households from the residual fear of crime which remains even after they have taken their own precautions and are aware of the crime prevention measures implemented by criminal justice agencies. For example the loss of welfare associated with living in a high crime area rather than a low crime area.

**Theoretical discussion** [link to relevant section in Bibliography]

**Preferred estimation methodology** no standardised methodology

**Comments** can be based on various approaches including QALY, stated preference or WTP

**Usage** normally omitted

**Offences normally included** Applies in principle to any type of crime. In practice likely to be greatest in relation to domestic burglary, robbery, violent and sexual assault and criminal damage.

**Formula** no standardised methodology

**Data sources** Some quality of life surveys ask about the degree to which fear of crime influences respondents' happiness. Some victimisation surveys such as the BCS ask direct questions about fear of crime.

**Example**