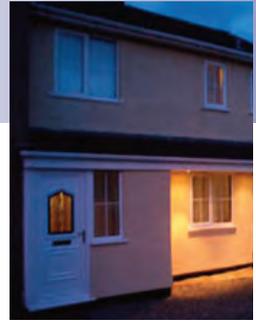


Focus on Security

Stay Safe at Home



Most burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves and can be prevented by you thinking about the security of your home and belongings:

- Fit good quality deadlocks to all exterior doors, including garages and sheds.
- Fit frame locks, especially on ground floor windows and patio doors.
- Don't leave any tools or toys outside the house that could be used to break a window or lever a door.
- Think about where you store your wheelie bins – can they be used as climbing aids?
- Mark or etch your property with your postcode, house/flat number or the first three letters of your house name.
- Register your valuables for free at www.immobilise.com
- Store your house keys and car keys out of sight in your home – never leave them near a door, a letterbox or window.
- Consider installing a visible burglar alarm and remember to set it when you go out or to bed at night.



- Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home by installing lockable gates, two metre minimum fencing or walls. Trellis topping also makes climbing difficult.



- Use automatic timer-switches to turn on lights and perhaps a radio to make it look like someone's home, even if you are just going out for a couple of hours.

- Make sure you know the identity of the person you are letting into your home – never open the door if you are in doubt or feel anxious about the caller.

- Consider joining a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.



Have you considered joining a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme?



An active Neighbourhood Watch Area is a safer area

The aims of Neighbourhood Watch are:

- To develop safer local communities and improve quality of life.
- To involve the local community in the prevention and reduction of crime.
- To raise community confidence by reducing the fear of crime.
- To help reduce the opportunities for crimes to occur.

If you would like to know more about Neighbourhood Watch, please contact:

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