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Burglary Advice

For further advice please call 101 or visit
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Your chances of becoming a victim of crime are low - but by following our simple advice you can reduce your chances even further

Car key burglary

Sometimes people will try to break into houses simply to steal your car keys.

- Never leave car keys in open view of your letterbox or ground floor windows
- Ensure car keys are not within reach and can not be "fished" from letterbox or window
- Because it is the car keys the thief wants, when at home at night DO leave them downstairs, do not take them upstairs with you. If they are persistent enough to break-in it is best they take the keys and go

+ Remember...

For further help and advice about protecting yourself and your home visit our dedicated website:

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or call us on **101**

Burglary prevention – keep homes and property safe

In one out of three burglaries thieves do not have to use force getting into the property through an open door or window.

Follow these simple steps to help reduce the chance of becoming a victim.



Doors and windows

In about a third of burglaries, thieves gain access through an open window or door. Make sure doors and windows are kept locked when you go out, and close them even when you leave a room, particularly during hot weather.

Check the condition of door frames and glass panels to make sure they are secure.



Light and alarms

When you are out, leave a light on to give the impression there is somebody at home.

A light timer switch is fairly cheap to buy and can be easily fitted to operate radios and lights when you are out, giving burglars the impression that somebody is in.

Don't forget – if you have an alarm on your house use it.



Shed and gardens

Make sure sheds and garages are locked and secure. Always tidy away your garden tools and lock ladders away to stop a burglar using them.

Use a good quality padlock on your shed to protect your property inside it.

You can also buy a shed alarm cheaply from most DIY stores.

Postcode your property

UV marking pens are available from DIY shops and are an inexpensive way of labelling your property.

Simply write your postcode and house number onto your property and if police recover it we will be able to identify the owner and return it.

If you have particularly valuable or unique possessions take photos of them to help officers identify your property.

And you can protect your gadgets for free by registering them on www.immobilise.com