

HOME SECURITY TIPS

Housebreaking is a crime that we all fear, but there are a number of different ways that you can help to deter burglars.

Burglars prefer to gain easy access to homes, so the harder you make it for the criminal the lower your chances are of becoming a victim. In addition, if you do become a victim, there are measures that you can take to increase the chance that your goods will be returned to you if they are later recovered by the police.

- Keep your home securely locked at all times. Most house break-ins are committed by opportunist thieves who do not have to break-in due to a door or window having been left open.
- Keep car keys out of sight in the house.
- Don't leave window and door keys in their locks.
- Always close your curtains at night and make sure valuable items cannot be easily seen from outside.
- Use timers for lights and radios if you will be out of the house overnight. They create the impression that someone is at home.
- Security mark your property with a UV marker pen. You can use this pen to place an invisible imprint of your postcode and house number on your possessions.