



Summer security tips for your home and garden



Many people may underestimate the number of items they keep in their gardens, from tools, outdoor furniture to camping equipment, it might be out of sight, out of mind for you, but not necessarily for burglars.

Forgetting to lock away garden items or leaving patio heaters and pizza ovens on display for all to see may give thieves ideal opportunities to steal belongings. Investing in good quality locks/padlocks for sheds and outdoor buildings, along with putting away any valuables like bicycles and lawn mowers and covering them with tarpaulin, can help prevent theft.

In the home



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Security

A visible burglar alarm, home security system or camera door bell.

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Lock it up

Ensure all doors and windows are locked when out and about.



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Social media

Don't advertise on social media when away from home.

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Lights & timers

If away from home consider using timers for lights.

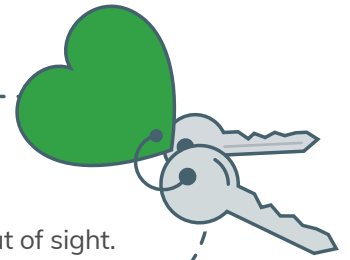


In the home

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Keep them out of sight

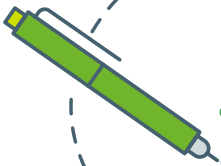
Keep keys and valuables out of sight.



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Property mark them

Property mark valuables and belongings with an ultra violet pen.



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Neighbourhood watch

Consider joining your local neighbourhood watch scheme.



Outside the home

- ✓ Consider using gravel as a deterrent.
- ✓ Fit automatic security lights and sensors.
- ✓ Make sure hedges are trimmed so the home isn't hidden from view.
- ✓ Ensure good quality locks are used on sheds, outbuildings and storage areas and wire mesh grills for their windows.

- ✓ Fit trellis to fences as a deterrent.
- ✓ Lock away garden items like tools, bicycles and furniture.
- ✓ Shut and lock all gates.
- ✓ Don't leave ladders lying around.

