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Crime Prevention

Advice

Securing your home

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Home security checklist

Windows and doors

- When you go out always close and lock external doors and windows, even if you are just going out for a short time
- Fit a five lever mortice lock (British Standard 3621) to all exterior wooden doors. If you are having new windows and doors installed, ensure they are certified to British Standard 7950 (windows) or PAS 24 (doors)
- UPVC or composite doors have multi-locking systems, but it is strongly recommended they are fitted with an anti-snap lock cylinder (TS007) of 3* standard as a minimum
- Window locks can be seen from outside and could deter a burglar from forcing the window
- If you have deadlocks, use them. They make it more difficult for a thief to get out again. But don't leave the key near the door or in an obvious place nearby
- If you have a flat roof extension the windows above it should always be locked

Keys

- Ensure your keys are kept in a safe place out of sight and well away from your letterbox
- Don't tag keys so they can be easily identified
- Keep all spare keys in a safe place
- Don't leave spare keys outside or in a garage or shed
- Consider buying a safe for personal papers, passports and small items of jewellery. This must be secured to the floor or a wall

Outside your home

- Never leave garages or sheds unlocked, especially if they connect to your property
- Visible burglar alarms and carefully directed security lighting can deter burglars. Make sure alarms stop sounding after 20

minutes and lights don't disturb your neighbours

Living in a flat or shared housing

- Consider having a phone entry system fitted to the main door of your building
- Never buzz open the door for strangers, or hold open the door for someone you don't know
- Get home contents insurance

Going on holiday

- Suspend any deliveries, such as milk and newspapers
- Ask a friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- Try to make your home look occupied while you are not there
Use timer switches on lamps or your radio

Marking your property

Below are some examples of how you can mark or register your property to ensure it is returned to you if it is ever stolen

Ultraviolet or invisible marking

It can only be seen by an ultraviolet lamp, although it does fade over time and can be washed off eventually

Permanent marking

Suitable for hard surfaces by engraving or etching

Tracking for laptops and smartphones

These can now be traced if stolen by using online tracking software, which is usually free. Search online and register your laptop or phone

Know your IMEI number

PROTECT REGISTER IT

Register your property for FREE and improve your chance of getting it back if it is lost or stolen

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