

Protect your home from theft



We understand the importance of keeping your home safe.

Discover our top tips to help keep the things you love secure and protected.

- Keep your keys in a safe place, away from doors and windows. Making sure you don't hide spares in predictable places like plant pots or under doormats.
- Invest in exterior security lights, and if possible, install motion sensor lights at the front and back of your property.
- If you can, you should also invest in a home security system – there's a lot of anti-theft technology out there, so take your time to shop around and find what works for you.
- Remember to keep your security codes secret and change them regularly.
- Regularly check and maintain your doors, windows and locks.
- Change locks immediately if you lose your keys or when you move into a new home.
- Get involved in a local neighbourhood watch scheme or make friends with some of your neighbours – people tend to look out more for each other in close-knit communities. This can also be useful when you're on holiday.



Remember that sheds and garages often contain tools or ladders which thieves could use to break into your home.



Are you going on holiday?

- Keep all doors and windows locked, this includes any small, up-high windows.
- Keep your valuables, such as jewellery and cash, in a safe in your home.
- Ask someone you trust to pick up your mail and deliveries if you're away for a long time.
- You can set your lights and some small appliances, such as your TV or radio, to switch on sometimes. If you don't own smart devices, automatic timer switches can help you do this.
- Avoid posting publicly on social media about your holiday until you're back.

Don't forget your outbuildings

- Always keep your sheds and garages locked when you're not around, use strong padlocks and wire mesh or grills for windows.
- Keep your tools and valuables locked away securely. Tools can be locked inside a locker or box or secured with a chain.
- Secure your bike to the ground or a lockable stand or ground anchor.
- Cover your bikes, mowers and ladders with old sheets to keep them out of plain sight.
- Mark your items and tools with your name and postcode.