

Burglary awareness – crime reduction advice

Police are offering crime reduction advice in order to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime over the summer months:

- Install 'dusk to dawn' security lights
- Visible burglar alarms can make burglars think twice; get specialist advice and consult your insurance company. Both <http://www.nsi.org.uk/> & <https://ssaib.org/> are independent inspectorate bodies for security systems.
- Keep front doors locked even when you are at home and especially if you are in the back garden
- Close all windows fully before you leave the house, lock downstairs windows and remove the keys. Install window locks on upstairs windows that can be easily accessed by a flat roof
- Ask a neighbour to collect your post if you are going away
- Use lights on timers
- Report any suspicious activity
- Do not leave valuables on display - if possible keep your valuables, jewellery, cash, passports & deeds to your property in a safe
- Make sure valuables are property marked. Take photographs and keep a note of any serial numbers & register them at www.immobilise.com
- Lock away tools, gardening equipment and ladders

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