



Never leave an open invitation

Close it - ensure doors and windows are closed when you leave your property, including when you are out in the garden.

Lock it - ensure doors and windows are locked - even if you are popping out for a few minutes. Remove keys from locks. A quarter of domestic burglaries are down to properties being left insecure.

Check it - Check that all external doors are locked, including doors to garages and outbuildings.



The most common factors officers find when investigating burglaries are:

- Back gardens are accessible (ie back gates not locked, fences not high enough)
- Items left in gardens used to force entry (ie bricks, garden tools)
- Lack of security lighting
- Lack of lights left on in the house when unoccupied
- Keys left in locks

For more crime reduction information contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101.

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