

## **HOLIDAYS AHEAD**

Here is a check list of “dos and don’ts” that could save you the heartache of having your home burgled when you are away:

- **Ask a “good” neighbour or your neighbourhood watch coordinator to hold a key of your house and if possible, a contact number in case of emergency.**
- Do not leave hidden keys. Burglars know all the likely spots to look
- Tell the milkman, newsagent and other suppliers to stop deliveries. The post office will hold your mail until you return. Details from your local post office
- Do not draw your blinds or curtains, as it can indicate your house is unoccupied
- Check that all your locks and window fastenings are in good condition. Make sure they are all locked and secured properly before leaving, including outbuildings
- Lock up your ladder
- Tell your “good” neighbour if you are expecting any callers or deliveries
- Mow your lawn
- Ask your “good” neighbour to remove any mail etc. from your letterbox. Also ensure any empty refuse sacks are not left in view
- If you have a burglar alarm, don’t forget to activate it
- Finally, before you set off, stop for a few minutes to make sure you haven’t forgotten anything – passport, tickets, windows open etc.

Enjoy your holiday!

**TO PREVENT CRIME IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY**