

HOME SECURITY

The first thing a burglar wants to know about your home is whether there is anyone in. If they cannot be sure that the house is empty, they are less likely to try to break in.

Basic advice:

- Fit a good lock to all your external doors. A five lever mortice lock is the minimum recommended
- Consider fitting a door chain and a door viewer
- Fit window locks on all opening windows
- Fit a burglar alarm
- Install outside lighting which you can leave on when you are out in the evening or operate using an infra-red sensor switch

When you go away:

- Set the burglar alarm
- Leave lights and a radio on when you are out and use a time switch if you are away for some time
- Open your curtains and take in your newspaper and milk before you leave the house in the morning
- Ask your neighbour to keep an eye on your home if you are going away on holiday. You can do the same for them when they go away
- Don't forget to cancel your newspapers and milk

When you are in:

- Lock the external doors
- Keep keys out of door locks (But always know where door and window keys in case a quick fire exit is needed)

TO PREVENT CRIME IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY