

Don't leave your home and belongings vulnerable to theft

7 tips to protect your property and the things you love

According to recent claims trends and data, home contents theft is increasing every year particularly throughout the summer months.

Protect the things you love by making your home as secure as possible.



7 of our top tips

1. Get some gravel on your front drive

It can be a great deterrent as it's very noisy, plus its low maintenance. Gravel will ensure that any unwanted visitors can be heard approaching your property.

2. Make access to your home difficult

You can do this by installing strong gates and fences (the taller the better) on your property. A burglar would attract too much attention trying to climb over them.

3. Fit alarms

An alarm is an intruder's worst nightmare. We recommend a monitored alarm, which notifies the property owner as soon as the alarm is triggered. This can provide an extra layer of security and deter burglars.

4. Security lights

Having security lights on your property is a must, especially as we head into the autumn and winter period. A light with a motion sensor is even more effective as it can startle a potential burglar before they attempt to break into your property.

5. Don't post your plans on social media

Avoid posting your plans to 'go out' or 'on holiday' on social media. This can leave you particularly vulnerable. Always ensure your social media pages are set to private, and your personal posts can't be seen by members of the public.

6. Never (ever) leave your keys in view of windows or near your front door

This will prevent burglars from fishing into your letterbox or cat flap to gain entry into your home. If you have a keyless car, you should always make sure to put your keys in a metal tin or Faraday pouch to block any signal, which criminals could potentially track. This can prevent them from stealing your vehicle.

7. Make sure all windows and doors are locked when no one is home

Leaving windows open is a common mistake that many people make, and can be the perfect opportunity for criminals to gain entry into your home. Ensure all windows are locked, and double lock your doors.



Check out our handy home protection checklist:

- A burglar alarm
- A security light on your property
- Timers on lights when you're not home
- A burglar-proof pen to mark your belongings
- CCTV camera/s on your property

