

RECOMMENDATIONS

TO MAKE YOUR HOME MORE SECURE

KEEP THEM OUT

1. Keep hedges and walls at the front of your house low (*under 1 metre*) so burglars have nowhere to hide.
2. Keep side gates locked at all times. Open gates mean burglars can easily access your home without being seen by passers-by or neighbours.
3. Keep hedges, walls and fences around your back garden high (1.8 metres) or over. Add lightweight trellis to gates and fences and plant some prickly plants to make it harder for burglars to climb over.
4. Gravel driveways and paths make it harder for burglars to go undetected.
5. Install an outside dusk till dawn light so that intruders can't approach without being seen.
6. Install a burglar alarm and have it maintained annually.
7. Always keep your shed locked and secured. Often sheds contain valuables such as power tools and bicycles.
8. Never leave tools lying around as they can be used as a way of breaking into your home.



- 1 Low front boundary
- 2 Secure side gate
- 3 High side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting
- 4 Gravel driveways and paths
- 5 Security light
- 6 Intruder alarm system.
- 7 Secure shed doors and windows
- 8 Never leave tools lying around

EXTRA STEPS YOU CAN TAKE

- Consider buying a shed alarm. These are usually quite cheap but still effective
- Add an extra layer of protection to shed windows with laminate sheets of film or internal metal grills.

STAY SECURE IN SUMMER

Leaving ground floor windows, doors and patio doors open in the summer can give burglars the perfect opportunity. If you're upstairs or out of the room, even just for a few minutes, close them and help shut burglars out

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