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- To help reduce the risk of theft from your home – and save on your home insurance too!
- Never leave keys in a lock, or a ‘secret’ hiding place like under the mat – burglars know where to look!
- Fit deadlocks or key-operated security bolts to all external doors.
- Security-mark your valuables with your postcode, and photograph them if possible.
- Fit a good quality, approved alarm – look out for British Standard BS4737.
- Fit key-operated metal locks to all your accessible windows.
- Check the identity of callers before opening your door fully – a chain or a ‘spyhole’ will help.
- Always lock up garden tools and ladders – they can be used to break into your home.
- Make sure the area around your home is well lit.
- Always lock your shed or garage – especially if it has a connecting door to your house.
- Trim garden hedges so that doors and windows can be seen and no-one can hide.
- If you are worried about anything, ask for a visit from your local Crime Prevention Officer.

## **When you go away**

- Cancel the milk and the papers and ask a trusted friend or neighbour to check on the property and remove any mail that has piled up – especially if you have a glass door.
- Use a timer to turn lights on and off when you are out.