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West Midlands Police

Burglary Advice

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Your chances of becoming a victim of crime are low - but by following our simple advice you can reduce your chances even further

Car key burglary

Sometimes people will try to break into houses simply to steal your car keys.

- Never leave car keys in open view of your letterbox or ground floor windows
- Ensure car keys are not within reach and can not be "fished" from letterbox or window
- Because it is the car keys the thief wants, when at home at night DO leave them downstairs, do not take them upstairs with you. If they are persistent enough to break-in it is best they take the keys and go

+ Remember...

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Burglary prevention – keep homes and property safe

In one out of three burglaries thieves do not have to use force getting into the property through an open door or window.

Follow these simple steps to help reduce the chance of becoming a victim.



Doors and windows

In about a third of burglaries, thieves gain access through an open window or door. Make sure doors and windows are kept locked when you go out, and close them even when you leave a room, particularly during hot weather.

Check the condition of door frames and glass panels to make sure they are secure.



Light and alarms

When you are out, leave a light on to give the impression there is somebody at home.

A light timer switch is fairly cheap to buy and can be easily fitted to operate radios and lights when you are out, giving burglars the impression that somebody is in.

Don't forget – if you have an alarm on your house use it.



Shed and gardens

Make sure sheds and garages are locked and secure. Always tidy away your garden tools and lock ladders away to stop a burglar using them.

Use a good quality padlock on your shed to protect your property inside it.

You can also buy a shed alarm cheaply from most DIY stores.

Door locks

UPVC doors or doors with Euro Cylinders should have DHF TS007 3 Star or Sold Secure Diamond Standard Anti-Bump replacement cylinders fitted. Always consult a Master Locksmiths Association accredited locksmith if you are unsure. Badly fitted Euro Cylinders can compromise your security.

When fitting security products always follow the manufacturers guidelines or consult a specialist using the guide from the Master Locksmiths Association.

<https://www.locksmiths.co.uk/>