

IS THERE ANYONE AT HOME? (winter)

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.

So make life difficult for the burglar by:-

- Leaving lights and a radio on when you are out and using a time switch if you are away for some time
- Opening your curtains and taking 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

You can also make it difficult for burglars to actually get into your home by:-

- Fitting a good lock to all your external doors; a five lever mortice lock is recommended
- Fitting window locks on all opening windows
- Installing outside lighting which you can leave on when you are out in the evening or operate using an infra-red sensor switch