

## **Home and Gnomes (Summer)**

According to a leading insurance company, thousands of British garages and sheds will fall prey to a new brand of thief this summer – the urban scavenger. Bikes, lawnmowers, sports equipment, DIY power tools, barbecues and camping equipment are at the top of the urban scavenger's hit list. Even garden gnomes have been stolen.

Garages and out buildings theft is a very real summer problem. In some isolated incidents, urban scavengers can account for almost a quarter of household house claims. More worrying, is the growing evidence of repeat victimisation where once property is replaced, the scavenger comes back and steals again.

Our advice is; if you value it, secure it - not just in the home but in the garden too.

It is amazing how much money people have tied up in garages and outbuildings- sometimes running into thousands of pounds and not all items will be covered by insurance.