

TOP TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PROPERTY SAFE (Anytime)

Get into the habit of securing your doors and windows every time you leave home. Don't make yourself a prisoner but make sure your house is secure even when you are at home. A significant number of burglaries are not by forced entry. Offenders sometimes sneak in via insecure or unlocked doors and windows.

Make sure you don't leave valuables in front of an open window when you are not in the room or when you leave the house.

Where possible, mark your valuables with a post code and make a note of where the marks are. Most items can be post coded as long as you have the correct type of kit. These can be bought from most stationers.

Take colour photographs or make a video of your ornaments and other valuables on display. Make a list of serial numbers of electrical items such as TVs, stereos, DVDs etc. Keep this list and your photos in a safe place.

If you don't have an alarm system, consider getting one. They are not as expensive as you might think. Experience tells us that they are an effective deterrent.

Make sure that you fit good quality British Standard locks on doors and windows.

Check your household security levels by completing a self-assessment checklist.

Make sure you ask for credentials when anyone you don't know knocks on your door and asks for access to your home.