



## Keeping Your Home Safe



### Plug In Timer Switches

It is important to make your home look occupied during the darker months, even if you have only popped out for a brief time.

Plug a bright lamp into a segment timer or digital timer in a living room or bedroom. You can decide when the light turns on and off by setting it to specified time periods.

### Window Alarms

Keep windows closed and locked when you are not home. Remember to remove keys from the lock and place them somewhere safe away from view.

Window alarms emit a loud siren when activated by vibration. These alarms are easily stuck onto the glass of a window and are battery operated. There are on / off switches for straightforward operation.



### Video Doorbells

Video doorbells allow you to see who is at your front door without having to open it via a smart device.

Most video doorbells also capture motion without the activation of the button, and some have an option to speak to visitors remotely via a smart device.



## CCTV Cameras

CCTV cameras come in different forms; wired, wi-fi, fixed and moveable. Many have the option to view live camera feeds from a smart device.

Ensure any cameras you have store footage via an SD card or on the cloud.

Place them in a position which is not easily accessible for burglars.

Make sure your cameras adhere to the home CCTV legislation.



## Faraday Pouches

If you have a keyless entry and start vehicle, place your keys into a faraday pouch. This pouch reduces the signal from your keys which is used to unlock your vehicle.

Burglars often use relay devices to open and start your vehicle without physically accessing your keys.

Keep your keys away from your vehicle and away from windows and doors.

**The above list is not exhaustive, please also think about the following:**

- Keep all doors locked, remove keys from the lock and place in a safe place away from other doors and windows.
- Install motion sensor lights at the front, sides, and rear of your property.
- Ensure that intruder alarms are in working order and sensors are placed on the ground and first floor of your home. If you do not have an intruder alarm, dummy siren boxes are available to act as a deterrent.
- Think about upgrading your front, side and rear doors to composite designs with anti-lock snap cylinders.
- Ensure all side / garden gates are lockable, secured, and unable to be opened from the front of your home.
- Lock away garden furniture and ladders in a shed or outbuilding to prevent burglars from using them to access first floor windows.
- Do not advertise on social media that you're going on holiday.
- If you are planning a holiday, ask a trusted friend or family member to open and close curtains and remove post from the letterbox / floor.
- Using a steering lock for your vehicle.

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