



House Burglaries

You can significantly reduce the chance of your home being burgled by taking a few simple precautions:

Top Ten Tips

- 1. Close and lock all doors and windows even if you are only going out for a few minutes.
- 2. Leave a light on if it will be dark before you get home. Consider security lights. It is better to have a dark house than an empty house.
- 3. Keep your valuables out of sight.
- 4. Do not milk or other deliveries if you will be away from home.
- 5. Do not leave car keys near your door, letterbox or windows.
- 6. Always check who is at the door. Don't open the door.
- 7. Get your alarm when going out and at night time. If you do not have an alarm consider installing one.
- 8. Ask a neighbour or a friend to check your property and to remove post from the postbox.
- 9. Inform police if your house is to be vacant for any length of time.
- 10. Always keep doors and windows locked and secure indoors.

Most house break-ins are opportunistic.

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