



Burglary crime prevention: Keep your home safe during the darker nights

Dear residents,

With darker nights still upon us, we are sharing some simple ways to protect your home.

Burglary crime prevention advice



Popping out of the house?

Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes! Double-lock any door Make sure that any valuables are out of sight – this includes leaving packaging from outside of your house Keep handbags away from the letterbox or cat flap and hide all keys including car keys, as a thief could hook keys or valuables through even a small opening Never leave car documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways In the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on If you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn lights and a radio on at night Set your burglar alarm Make sure the side gate is locked Lock your shed or garage Lock your bike inside a secure shed or garage, to a robust fitting bolted to the ground or wall, like a ground anchor

Going away?

If you're off on holiday and wish to post anything on social media, make sure your posts aren't public and that they're only seen by your friends – you don't want potential burglars to know your house will be unattended! Leave lights and a radio on a timer to make your house appears occupied Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property, or you could join a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to keep in touch with those in your street Consider asking your neighbours to close curtains after dark If your driveway will be empty – you could also ask a neighbour to park on there to deter burglars from breaking in Remember to cancel newspaper and milk deliveries – you don't want these piling up on your doorstep!

Our website offers further crime prevention advice:

[Crime prevention advice | West Mercia Police](#)

If you need us, you can contact us directly by replying to this message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. You can also get in touch via our website:

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Or in an emergency please call 999.

Thank you for your support.