

Home Security Tips

**Here is some good advice from our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator,
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At a recent Hub meeting of the Neighbourhood watch community, we were informed that homes with no security measures in place are 5 times more likely to be burgled than those with simple security measures. The following tips were advised.

- Good window locks and strong deadlocks can make a big difference.
- Lock doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you are out in the garden.
- Hide all keys, including car keys out of sight and away from a letterbox.
- Install a visual burglar alarm.
- Install good outside lighting.
- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property.
- Leave radios or lights on with a timer to make the property appear occupied.
- Make sure garden fences are sound.
- Secure bikes by locking them to immovable objects or keep in a locked garage.
- Keep ladders and tools locked away.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property.
- Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free with Immobilise.
- Remove valuables from view of a ground floor window.
- Store high value items (i.e. jewellery, passports) in a secured safe .

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