

# Why small is beautiful Safe and sound?

**SIZE** is not a problem for the new O Grill barbecue from Calor. Weighing just 24lbs, it is light enough to be carried anywhere, so you can use it at home or take it along with you whenever you travel.

Hassle-free storage is another big plus, thanks to the lightweight retractable legs and handle.

Available in metallic green, metallic blue and matte orange, the O Grill 3000 (recommended price £89) is the latest must-have in alfresco dining, sporting a super sleek clam-shell design and the ultimate in flexible features.

Operated by a simple push button ignition, it also boasts a generous 1,450 sq cm grilling surface. A porcelain enamelled cooking grill ensures even cooking and an integral removable drip tray makes for easy cleaning. Accessories include an accompanying stand (priced at £59.99) a bag (priced £19.99) and a



stainless steel patio heater (£169)

**HOME Office statistics suggest that one in three of us will be burgled more than once in our lifetime.**

If you are already one of those statistics you will know that it's a traumatic experience to be avoided at all costs.

Providing adequate security need not be costly. In fact, you can equip your home with an adequate level of burglar deterrents for a relatively modest outlay.

Beat-the-burglar measures can just be a matter of common sense.

Start by considering whether there is a clear 'line of sight' to your door. In other words, make sure there is no obstruction by bushes or shrubs and that the door is in full view of the street or your next door neighbour.

Burglars clearly want to avoid any chance of being spotted so coming across a door which seems even slightly hidden will be an absolute gift.

Take a close, critical look at your front and back doors. Are they strong and sound?

Make sure the frames are in good condition and any glass panels in or around them are of laminated glass.

There are two types of acceptable door locks – the mortise lock, which fits into the door, or the rim lock which fits onto the surface of the door.

Several alternatives are available from hardware and DIY stores but it pays to buy the best. If you are in any doubt and do not have the equipment to fit them, call in a locksmith.

Your home and contents insurance company will expect a five-lever mortise/sash deadlock for maximum security. But there are also some very capable rim deadlocks that are recommended for doors that lack the thickness to fit a mortise lock. If you wish, you can also add top and bottom bolts. A chain will help you speak safely to strangers

without fully opening the door.

Andrew Leech, director of the National Home Improvement Council, says door checks are just as important where you share a main entrance.

"If your home is an apartment ensure the front door is not weak. Fit hinge bolts which stop it being pulled off its hinges. And if you haven't got one already, consider having a telephone entry system fitted."

Wherever possible, also make sure win-

dows are not out of sight. A third of all burglaries are through windows, some only small enough to push through a child who can then open the front door. Some louvre-type windows are a real doddle for intruders because sometimes the slats are easily removed. The obvious solution – glue in the slats.

Fit key-operated window locks on all downstairs windows – taking care not to leave keys in locks.

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