

Secure...your home!



LEAVING windows, patio doors and external doors open during hot days, could be an open invitation to burglars.

Statistics say that over 20% of burglaries take place after an intruder has gained access to a property through an open window or door.

Therefore it is vital that you consider improving your home security. Whether it be a security alarm, window locks, more secure door locks etc, it's better to be safe than sorry.

Make sure you fit strong locks to all external doors and windows - and keep them locked, with the keys kept out of sight in a safe place, but easily accessible to you and your family in case of fire.

It is also important to leave house keys, car keys etc away from the front door well out of the way of prying eyes. If you're installing new windows and doors remember to choose ones which are certified to British Standard PAS 24-1 for doors and BS7950 for windows.

Installing security lights to the front and rear of your property can also help to improve your home and garden security. Whilst keeping your shed or garage locked at all times will stop thieves from taking tools or bicycles and make sure that your garage doors are well-maintained and secure.

You could also install CCTV cameras as a deterrent. These can all be activated by sensors similar to those used on security lights or alarm systems or can record "time lapse" images, taking still pictures at a set interval.

Other actions you can take to improve the security of your home include installing a burglar

alarm. Alarm systems are a worthwhile investment in the protection of your home and family.

Studies reveal that it is far less likely that you will become the victim of a burglary at home if you have a correctly fitted and well-maintained burglar alarm. Remember not to leave large amounts of cash in the house, keep windows and doors locked at all times and consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for extra peace of mind. It pays to be safe.

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