

# ***THE DARK NIGHTS RETURN***

**It is never too late to take precautions to raise safety levels in and around your home. Statistics show home burglary rates rise in winter months.**



**Burglars take advantage of dark poorly lit gardens to commit crime. Light up your garden with lights on motion sensors or dusk to dawn sensors.**

**When you are going out or away for a break use timer switches both upstairs and downstairs to turn on lamps. Empty unlit houses stand out after dark.**



**If possible replace pathways with gravel paths. These make a noise when walked upon.**

**Keep bushes and hedges low by doors to eliminate hiding places.**

**Don't let your home become a shop window for burglars. Cover windows with blinds or curtains so that the contents of your home cannot be viewed from outside.**



**If you are walking after dark always try and pick a route that is well lit and avoid walking on your own late at night . If you've been out for the evening walk home with someone you know and trust.**



**If you are travelling alone on buses, trains or trams after dark take care. If travelling on buses avoid top decks and sit close to the driver. If possible avoid empty carriages on trams and trains.**

**If possible avoid using your mobile phone in public places after dark.**

**You are advertising that you have a mobile phone to thieves.**



**If you are a jogger or runner who goes out after dark don't wear headphones this stops you hearing anyone approaching from behind.**



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