

# Sandwell crime prevention panel

## Garden & Shed security



Plant prickly shrubs next to walls and fences that may be scaled by intruders. Berberis, Holly & Blackthorn are good. Use gravel for pathways.



Don't be tempted to use broken glass, nails or barbed wire on top of walls, gates and fences. Use approved plastic spike strips like the one shown here. Trellis is also a good deterrent.

Fit good quality padlocks to all garden gates, sheds and garages. A solid gate is a better than a gate you can see through. Rear fences of 6ft (1.8m) metres are ideal keep front fences to 3ft (0.9m) maximum this will ensure anyone at the front of your property is visible. (Fences above 1.8m may need planning permission)



Use a shed alarm they are relatively cheap and easy to install. Visibly mark items with your postcode. Use coach bolts not screws to fasten the sections of shed together. You can obscure the view in by using a blind or curtains inside the windows.



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