



Home security checklist

Quick Actions:

If you have already carried out the item listed tick done otherwise tick to do	Done	To Do
Timer switch connected to a light at the front of your home.		
Timer switch connected to a light at the back of your home.		
Avoid 'checking in' to locations online when you're not home.		
Avoid posting your holiday, day out and social updates online while you're not at home - wait until you're back.		
Avoid posting about expensive items that you own online.		
Keep windows closed and doors locked.		
Lock away any tools or equipment left in your garden.		
Move your wheelie bin away from your locked gates or fence.		
Put up a 'beware of the dog' sign (even if you don't have a dog)		
Check can expensive items be easily seen from outside		
Move keys out of sight and into a drawer so they're not visible.		
Leave a radio on when you're out or attach one to a timer switch or use a fake TV device.		
Put up a window sticker advertising your alarm, CCTV or Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.		
Close the curtains as soon as it starts to get dark		
Make your property look lived-in & well-kept from the outside.		
Buy and use good quality locks for your sheds and outbuildings.		
Add wire meshing to any shed windows or obscure the view in using blinds or curtains / fit a shed alarm.		
Ensure euro cylinder locks are 'anti snap' and that mortice locks are five lever versions.		
Turn on any 'Find my/your Device' and Activation Locks for any mobiles, tablets and laptops you own.		
Make a 'going away plan'. Mail, deliveries, curtains and lights.		



Possible actions you could plan for increased security:

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Install motion-activated security lighting at the front of your home.		
Install motion-activated security lighting at the back of your home.		
Buy and use a good quality alarm system.		
Lay down some noisy gravel for pathways and drives.		
Add trellis above your side gates and fencing.		
Put high value items into a safe or a third-party safety deposit box.		
Install good quality, high definition CCTV.		
Trim your hedges, greenery and bushes at the front of your property (to give natural surveillance.		
Add some defensive planting to your property (prickly or thorny shrubs)		
Mark your property with an ultra violet property marking pen and record the serial numbers of electronic devices.		
Photograph valuable items and keep the photos with someone else you trust.		
Register cycles with bikeregister.com		
Back up your laptop or PC and keep backups separate from the main device.		

Having someone violate your personal space and steal your possessions is heart-breaking. Use this checklist to see what steps you can take to help protect your home and valuables from burglary.

