

Quick Tips

- Do **NOT** advertise you are away by posting it on social media. Burglars use these networks too!



- **Locks:** Fit strong locks to external doors and windows.
- **Keys:** Don't leave keys in window or door locks. Keep keys out of sight and in a safe place.
- **Mark your property** with your postcode, house number or house name. It makes your property identifiable if found.
- **Register your property** free of charge at www.immobilise.com
- **Download tracking software** to portable electronic devices

A burglar's hot property list...

- Computers
- Laptops
- Purses
- Electrical equipment
- Money
- Mobile phones
- Jewellery
- Ipods
- TVs
- Credit cards
- Car keys



How to contact Dorset Police

In an emergency - dial 999
Where life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby or if immediate action is required

In a non-emergency - dial 101
If a crime has already happened or to give information about a crime

Calls to 101 only cost 15p from a landline or mobile phone, no matter how long the call lasts. Interpreters are available if required

Email - enquiries@dorset.pnn.police.uk
Non urgent enquiries

Visit - www.dorset.police.uk
For crime prevention information or to contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)

Deaf/hard of hearing or speech impaired

999 Emergency - SMS/text number
Register now - www.emergencysms.org.uk

07766 425243 Non-emergency
If a crime has already happened or to give information about a crime



#WhosLockedUp

You don't need to go this far to

SECURE YOUR HOME



But there are some simple steps you can take to deter a burglar...

Discourage a burglar by following our top tips to

SECURE YOUR HOME

1 Doors

Keep doors locked even when you are home or in the back garden. Take keys out of locks as a burglar could reach through a letterbox or cat flap.

2 Alarm

Install a burglar alarm. Make sure all household members know how to work the alarm and use it daily.

3 Windows

Close and lock them! Also, draw the curtains if you know you're going to be out when it gets dark or you're going away.

4 Paths

Consider having a gravel path/driveway as it makes anyone approaching the house easier to hear.

Shed

Secure tools and ladders to a heavy object where possible, ideally hidden from external view.

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Fencing

At the back of your property, put up high fences or plant prickly bushes that would be difficult to climb over.

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7 Gates

Make sure gates cannot be climbed over and secure them with appropriate locks.

8 Milk & Newspapers

Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries and anything else you get regularly delivered.

10 Lighting

Use light timer switches and install lights outside to light up pathways at night.

9 Driveway

Before going away, ask a trusted neighbour or friend to keep an eye on your home. Ask them to park their car on your driveway or on the road outside of your house, to make it appear that someone is home.

If your home looks empty to you - it will look empty to a burglar