

Leave A Light On - 24.09.19

- Don't let burglars know you are not home.
- Once it gets dark, make sure you leave a light on.
- Stay secure - the nights are drawing in and autumn is now well and truly here.
- Here are some home security tips - do you pass the burglary prevention test?

Daily Security

Keep all wallets, purses, credit cards and car keys out of sight and out of reach.

If you leave your house empty, even if you are in the back garden, lock all the doors and windows.

An intruder alarm can be an effective deterrent against burglars, seek advice to ensure it is the most suitable for your needs.

Make it a habit to mark your valuables by using your postcode and house number or name.

Some articles are unsuitable for marking so photograph them next to a ruler.

Register your property at www.immobilise.com

After Dark

Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home.

When you go out in the evening, always leave a light on in a room that cannot be peered into from the road.

Fit security lighting - either dusk to dawn energy efficient lighting that will come on automatically as dusk sets in, or infrared activated lighting which draws attention to movement.

Front Door Security

Don't let anyone into your home that you don't know. Always ask for identification - official visitors won't mind being asked for ID.

Fit a door chain or bar, and if you have a solid front door, a wide angle door viewer.

In The Garden

Ensure gates or access to the rear of the house are locked and secure.

Trim overgrown plants - don't give burglars a hiding place.

Secure garden tools and ladders in a locked shed or garage to prevent them being used to break into your home.

The best defence against burglary is prevention.

For more advice on crime prevention visit <https://www.sussex.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary>

In an emergency, or if you see a crime in progress always dial 999.

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Seen something suspicious or have information about a crime or incident? Please contact us at <http://www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us/>, email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call 101.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org