

3 STEP PROTECT:

Protect your valuables

- Don't advertise your goods. Always keep valuables like tablets and laptops out of sight from windows and store keys away from the letterbox.
- Help police identify your property if stolen by using a property marking kit and taking photos. The Met Police is currently providing SmartWater kits as part of the MetTrace operation. Visit www.met.police.uk/mettrace.
- Consider buying a safe or using other safe storage providers.

Safeguard your building

- Lock all windows and double lock doors when you go out, even if it's only for a few minutes.
- Make your home look occupied: use timer lights when the nights get longer, and cancel deliveries if you're going away.
- Install a burglar alarm. These are proven to deter thieves.
- Make sure your locks are strong enough to keep burglars out.

Secure your outside

- Keep gates, sheds and garages locked and don't leave tools lying around as they can be used to break in.
- Keep hedges at the front low and install outdoor lighting, so burglars have nowhere to hide.
- Install trellises and spiky plants to stop burglars from climbing over fences.

For more advice on how to keep your home safe, visit www.met.police.uk/burglary.

In an emergency dial 999. For all other police related enquiries call 101 or visit www.met.police.uk

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Follow the burglary prevention top tips

We know:

- **Most burglaries occur on weekdays during working hours**
- **Burglaries go up when the nights get longer**
- **Once burgled the chances of further burglaries increase**



Keep your home safe by following 3 step protect: valuables, building, outside.

