



# Home Security Guidance

Security advice and top tips from your local Policing Team.

Follow the checklist and tick as appropriate to help prevent you from becoming a victim of burglary.

**1 Is access to the garden restricted with a fence/gate?**

Keep side and rear gates locked at all times when not in use.

**2 Are fences difficult to climb or get through?**

High side and rear boundaries (1.8m-2m) with trellis and spiky defensive planting if possible. Low boundary fencing at the front so your property can be clearly seen.

**3 Is there outside lighting to deter trespassers?**

A clear, low white light that activates from dusk until dawn is ideal for lighting a yard and garden and allowing any person to be clearly seen.

**4 Are sheds and outbuildings secured?**

Keep your shed locked and secured. If possible, anchor it down to prevent it from being lifted to gain access.

**5 Are tools and ladders secured from would-be burglars?**

Never leave tools (such as spades and forks) lying around as they can be used as a way of breaking into your home.

**6 Are all keys kept out of sight?**

Keep handbags and all keys including car keys away from letterbox and out of sight. If you have a keyless entry/start vehicle, consider using a signal blocking pouch.

**7 If you have an alarm - is it always used?**

Always activate the alarm when you are not at home. For advice and approved suppliers of alarms visit the National Security Inspectorate and the Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board.

**8 Are lights left on when you go out?**

Use an automatic plug-in time switch to operate a lamp or light at pre-set times when you're not home.

**9 Are valuables kept out of sight and away from windows?**

Keep your valuables hidden from view.

**10 Is your property identifiable?**

Make your valuables less attractive to thieves by using a property or police approved forensic marking solution only visible under ultraviolet (UV) light.



More advice can be found via our website:  
[www.cheshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/)



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## Cheshire Police Alert

Registering with this site is completely free, and not only allows you to receive messages about your local area, but also allows you to feed back information to your local policing teams to help them better police your neighbourhood. Go to: [www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk](http://www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk)



## Neighbourhood Watch

There are different membership models to offer flexibility to suit you. At the heart of each one are you, your neighbours, and your community. Once you have joined as an Individual Member, you have the option to become a Scheme Member by either joining a local scheme or starting one up. Go to [www.cheshirenw.org](http://www.cheshirenw.org) or [www.ourwatch.co.uk](http://www.ourwatch.co.uk)



## Resident's Voice

It is important to us that we know about the issues that cause you concern. We have set up a survey where you can tell us about the things you would like us to focus on in your area. Go to: [www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoice](http://www.cheshire.police.uk/residentsvoice)



## CONTACTING CHESHIRE POLICE

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LESS URGENT  
THAN 999

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