

National Home Security Month

Home security checklist

Need help with your home security but don't know where to start?
We've compiled a simple checklist to help you identify any weak points
and vulnerabilities to make your home as safe as possible.



Gateways

- Install gate at the front of property
- Install gate at the rear of property (where applicable)
- Secure all gates with a weatherproof, robust padlock
- Cannot be easily climbed on to access other parts of the home

Outbuildings

- Hasps and weatherproof padlocks
- Key operated window locks
- Stand-alone, battery powered alarm
- Individual items secured with anchors and cables
- Mark all property in sheds, garages and outbuildings with surname and postcode

External Boundaries

- Flood lighting at the front, side and rear of property
- PIR detector
- Visible alarm box
- Outdoor camera
- Trim hedges to limit hiding places
- Gravel driveway
- No valuables visible from the street

Main Entry and Exit Doors

- External timber doors secured with a mortice lock and/or nightlatch that meet British Standard BS3621
- TS007 Kitemarked cylinder in PVCu or composite doors
- TS008 Letterplate restrictor on front door
- Digital door viewer on front door
- Door chain
- Smart door lock
- Can you see who's at the door without opening it?

Room Interiors

- Smoke detector
- Carbon monoxide detector
- PIR detector
- All windows have at least one, key-operated window lock
- Home safe securely bolted to the floor or wall
- Personal attack alarm

Alarms

- Install alarm
- PIR detectors
- Remote key fob
- Panic button
- Door contact and magnet
- Remote access via a smartphone app
- Easy fit power switch (Smartphone alarm only)

Indoor & Outdoor Cameras

- Internal & external
- Infrared LED night vision
- HD camera quality
- Recordable hard drive
- Remote access via a smartphone app

Home security when away

- Cancel mail deliveries
- Leave lights on a timer
- Relative/friend/neighbour to check on property
- Smart alarm or indoor and outdoor cameras that can be remotely accessed and controlled via a smartphone
- All windows and doors shut and locked
- Don't 'check-in' or post images with location tags on social media

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