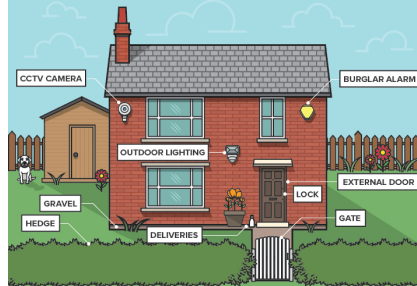


# HOME SECURITY

Take some small steps to improve your home security.



## BURGLAR ALARM

Alarms deter criminals as it shows that your home is protected.

### Types of alarm:

- Bells-only**
  - Budget friendly
  - Activates alarm when sensor is tripped
- Monitored**
  - Additional costs
  - A central centre notifies you when alarm is tripped
- Police response**
  - Notifies police
- Speech dialler**
  - Budget friendly
  - Automatically calls you with notification

## GATE

An automated gate can be the best option to secure your property.

### Types of gates:

- Wooden gate**
  - Cover the cross-member with a panel so there is no foothold
- Wrought-iron gate**
  - Ornamental framework can make climbing difficult

### Safety tips:

Weld hinges shut so that gate cannot be removed

## GRAVEL

- Acts as a deterrent as it can be noisy when stepped on

## HEDGE

- Should be no higher than 1.4m so your property isn't completely obscured

## DELIVERIES

- Cancel milk, newspapers or other deliveries if you're leaving the house unoccupied for an extended period of time

## EXTERNAL DOOR

A rim latch on its own isn't sufficient. Doors should be at least 4.4cm thick with a deadlock installed.

### Types of lock:

- BSI Kitemark**
  - Recognised symbol of quality and safety
- Mortice lock**
  - 5-lever mortice deadlock fitted within the door itself
- Rim automatic deadlock**
  - Fitted to the internal surface of a door

### Safety tips:

- Use the peep hole to check who's at your door
- Keep door chain secured when opening to a stranger
- Ensure all your other doors are locked
- Ask for ID and verify it (either with the company's website or a phone call)
- Ensure letterbox has an internal cover plate

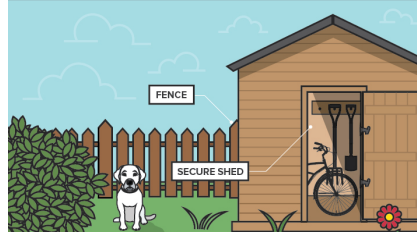
## OUTDOOR LIGHTING

- Infrared detectors can act as a deterrent
- Place these at least 2m from the ground so they can't be tampered with

## CCTV camera

- May require planning permission
- Inform your neighbours if you plan to install one, in case of any objections

\*Tips also apply to rear of house



## FENCE

These should be at least 2m high\*

- A trellis can make it more difficult to climb over
- Prickly bushes nearby can act as a deterrent

## SHED

Secure sheds with a padlock

- Open shackle: More versatile
- Closed shackle: Higher security

\*Planning permission may be required for fences



## WINDOWS

- Ensure locks meet the BSI standards (PAS24:2012 offers the highest standard of security)
- Key-operated window locks add extra security, especially on the ground floor
- Add a secondary lock to any window that opens more than 60cm
- Connect windows to the alarm system

## LIGHTS

- Use a timer to switch on and off at varying intervals to make it look like someone is at home

## KEYS

- Keep away from doors, locks, and open windows

## COMPUTERS

- Webcams can be used as a home security system with the right software
- Install tracking software on your laptop/mobile in case they're ever stolen

## INTERNAL DOORS

- Fit a security chain or bolt to prevent intruders getting further into your property if they do gain entry

## VALUABLES

- Mark with your postcode and house number using UV pen
- Register items on [immobilier.com](https://www.immobilier.com) to make any thefts easy to track
- Consider placing 'Secured by Design' warning labels on your valuables and around your property