



Going Away On Holiday?

Make your home look like someone is living in it:

- *Ensure that windows, doors and gates are closed and locked correctly;*
- Use automatic timer-switches to turn your lights and radios on when it goes dark *also consider "Fake TV";*
- *If you have an intruder alarm make sure that you set it before leaving and ensure that your neighbours know who the key holders are;*
- Cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries;
- Use the Royal Mail's 'Keepsafe' service - they keep your mail for up to 2 months while you're away. Mail sitting on your doorstep is a sign that you are away;
- Trusted neighbours may be able to help you by collecting your post, opening and closing curtains and they could park their car on your driveway;
- Avoid discussing holiday plans on public social networking sites - burglars can use any information you post on there to their advantage - *I would add to this watch what you are posting while you are away too or you may find you are giving useful information that the burglar or fraudster may use.*

Most of this was taken from the Police UK website where you can find lots of useful advice and details of crimes in your area.

<https://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/burglary/>