


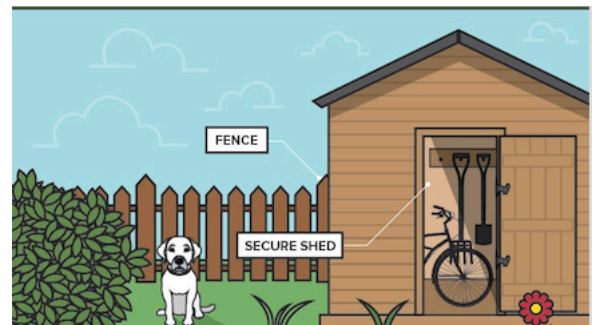
Home Security – Courtesy of Sainsbury's Bank

HOME SECURITY

Take some small steps to improve your home security.



<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">BURGLAR ALARM</h3> <p>Alarms deter criminals as it shows that your home is protected.</p> <p>Types of alarm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bells-only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget friendly • Activates alarm when sensor is tripped Monitored <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional costs • A central centre notifies you when alarm is tripped Police response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notifies police Speech dialler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget friendly • Automatically calls you with notification 	<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">EXTERNAL DOOR</h3> <p>A rim latch on its own isn't sufficient. Doors should be at least 4.4cm thick with a deadlock installed.</p> <p> BSI Kitemark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognised symbol of quality and safety <p>Types of lock:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mortice lock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-lever mortice deadlock fitted within the door itself Rim automatic deadlock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitted to the internal surface of a door <p>Safety tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">GATE</h3> <p>An automated gate can be the best option to secure your property.</p> <p>Types of gates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wooden gate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cover the cross-member with a panel so there is no foothold Wrought-iron gate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ornamental framework can make climbing difficult <p>Safety tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weld hinges shut so that gate cannot be removed 	<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">OUTDOOR LIGHTING</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Infrared detectors can act as a deterrent Place these at least 2m from the ground so they can't be tampered with
<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">GRAVEL</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts as a deterrent as it can be noisy when stepped on 	<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">CCTV camera</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May require planning permission* Inform your neighbours if you plan to install one, in case of any objections
<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">HEDGE</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be no higher than 1.4m so your property isn't completely obscured* 	
<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">DELIVERIES</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel milk, newspapers or other deliveries if you're leaving the house unoccupied for an extended period of time 	<p>*Tips also apply to rear of house</p>



<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">FENCE</h3> <p>These should be at least 2m high*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A trellis can make it more difficult to climb over Prickly bushes nearby can act as a deterrent 	<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">SHED</h3> <p>Secure sheds with a padlock:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open shackle: More versatile Closed shackle: Higher security
<p>*Planning permission may be required for fences</p>	
<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">WINDOWS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">COMPUTERS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">LIGHTS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a timer to switch on and off at varying intervals to make it look like someone is at home 	<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">INTERNAL DOORS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fit a security chain or bolt to prevent intruders getting further into your property if they do gain entry
<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">KEYS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep away from doors, locks, and open windows 	<h3 style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px;">VALUABLES</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark with your postcode and house number using LUV pen Register items on immobilise.com to make any thefts easy to track Consider placing 'Secured by Design' warning labels on your valuables and around your property