

# Protect your home like a castle

## ...without a moat and turrets

We have recently seen a rise in the number of burglaries in this area where entry has been gained from the rear of the house. Here are few tips to help protect you:

- Install fences and gates (Max height without planning permission 2m or 1m next to highways).
- Top fencing with 380mm (1') trellis and/or spiky topping (spiky topping requires a warning sign).
- Don't forget to secure gates with either a suitable key operated mortice lock or "Close shackled" padlock.
- Use some defensive planting i.e. hawthorn to supplement any fencing or protect fuel tanks etc.
- Ensure your windows and doors are secured correctly and keys are removed out of sight (Remember fire safety keys must be readily available).
- Fit external "dusk till dawn" lighting with economy bulbs.
- Consider an alarm, if installed always use a NSI or SSAIB approved company.



If you would like further advice regarding your home security you can contact your local Crime Reduction Advisor on 101 or visit the Essex Police website [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)



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