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Tip No: 357

Question: How can I secure my home whilst I'm away on holiday?

Answer: 90% of burglars will avoid homes with CCTV cameras installed. If you don't have CCTV, Follow our top tips below to help secure your home whilst you are away.

Is your CCTV recording?...

Make sure your CCTV is recording. If you are burgled while you're away you don't want to miss the incident! If you don't have CCTV installed in your home it may be worth considering it, did you know that 90% of burglars will avoid homes with CCTV installed.

Don't let subscriptions pile up...

If you subscribe to a newspaper or magazine, make sure someone collects it for you while you're away. Alternatively you can pause the deliveries until you return! If subscriptions start piling up on your door step it's a clear sign to burglars that no one is home, making your house a prime target!

Leave a light on...

To give the impression that your house is occupied, leave a light on or the radio. Use timer plugs so that they switch on for a couple of hours in the evening, but don't leave them on all night. It's a good idea to invest in some external motion activated floodlights as well, to warn off any unwelcome trespassers!

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Leave your curtains open...

Closed curtains during the day is a sure sign to burglars that no one is home. Open curtains at night can also give the same impression, so it's a good idea to ask a neighbour or family member to pop round and open and close the curtains for you.

Put your keys away...

Don't leave keys lying around your house, particularly where they can be seen from outside, either through a window or letterbox. Burglars will break in to steal them, especially car keys!

Also never leave keys under door mats and plant pots! Burglars know where to look and can let themselves in!

Always set your burglar alarm...

Did you know that 70% of people who have a burglar alarm don't bother to set it! Burglar alarms can be really effective when they're switched on, with the majority of burglaries at homes with set alarms being unsuccessful!

Your valuables...

A burglar will spend as little time as possible in your house, on average 8-12 minutes. So put your valuables in places they won't look, such as the kitchen or child's bedroom. The first place they will look in is the master bedroom, living room and surprisingly... the freezer!

Alternatively invest in a safe, burglars don't want to waste precious minutes trying to crack into a safe.

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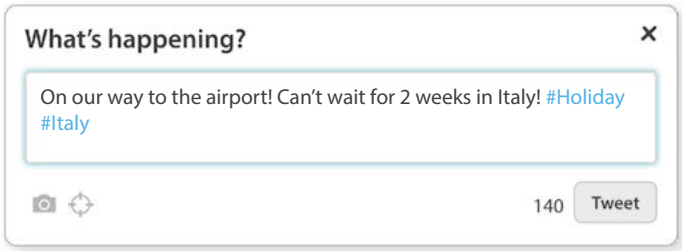
Let your neighbours know...

Let your neighbours know that you're going away and ask them to keep an eye on your house. They can look out for any suspicious behaviour around your property that they may otherwise ignore if they thought you were at home.

Don't broadcast it...



Don't broadcast the fact that you're going away Did you know that 78% of burglars admit to using social media to find out who is going on holiday. By simply posting about how excited you are or 'checking-in' to an airport burglars will know you're going away, and you never know who is listening, many burglars know their victims!

Helpful Hints:

- Don't leave notes out for deliveries or neighbours.
- Get someone you know to park on your drive.
- Turn down the ringer on your house phone.
- Don't forget to padlock your gates, shed and garage.
- Ask someone you know to take out your bins.
- Invest in a home safe for your valuables.

Sources: http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/crime-stats/crime-statistics/focus-on-property-crime--2013-14/rpt-chapter1---property-crime---overview.html

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