

PROTECTING YOUR HOME



RELENTLESS ON... 

BURGLARY



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- If possible, have a security alarm fitted.
- Invest in plug timers for lights and radios to give the appearance of people being at home.
- Lock all windows and doors at all times – even those in unattended rooms when you're at home.
- Make sure your front and back doors are solid doors, in good condition, with a strong frame.
- All external doors should be fitted with a five lever mortice lock. A deadlock will provide additional security. It's also advisable to have a security chain and a viewer fitted to your door.
- Letter box restrictors can prevent thieves from accessing the lock from outside.
- Patio doors should have sliding bolts.
- Fit key-operated window locks to all downstairs windows and vulnerable ones like easily accessible upstairs windows.
- Remember to remove keys from locked windows and to keep them out of sight in a safe place.
- Never leave valuables on display by windows or near doors – especially those with cat flaps.
- If you have louvre windows, glue the slats in place with epoxy resin, and fit a special louvre lock.
- If you are replacing windows, consider laminated glass – it's difficult to break.
- Don't leave ladders or tools outside, or chain them up if you have to. They could be used to break into your home.
- Download tracking software on to phones, laptops and any other gadgets you may have.
- Record all your property on national property database www.immobilise.com to deter thieves and increase your chances of being reunited with stolen property.
- Photograph your valuables and make a note of their description.
- Report any suspicious behaviour. It is common for an offender to check out a number of properties for entry points before finding a vulnerable home.

Reporting a crime? Call 101 or 999
www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

