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Holiday security

Remember that a good neighbour can be as effective as a police patrol in protecting your home while you are away.

In all the excitement and rush to organise your holiday, it's very easy to forget things - and we're not talking about toothbrushes!

Many burglaries occur when home owners are away on holidays. A house left empty for some time is a potential target for intruders.

By taking some precautions and giving your home a lived-in look before you go on holidays, you can substantially reduce the risk of burglary.

What to do while on holiday

- Ensure that all doors and windows are securely locked.
- Let your neighbours know you'll be away and ask them to watch out.
- Arrange for mail to be held or redirected by your post office.
- Cancel all deliveries such as newspapers and milk.
- Consider installing automatic timing devices for lights and other appliances.
- Disconnect the electrical supply on radio controlled or electronic garage doors and engage manual locks instead.
- Don't leave house keys concealed inside or outside the house. Leave them with a trusted friend or neighbour.
- Arrange for someone to cut your lawn and water your garden.
- Consider asking your neighbours to park a second car in your driveway.
- Lock up garden tools and ladders which might be used to enter your home.
- Turn down the ringing volume on your telephone.

For more information on Home Security, Neighbourhood Watch or to arrange a free home security appraisal by one of our police officers, please contact your local Crime Prevention Officer.

[10 Steps to increase home security](#)



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